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PPP biggest party in Assembly: Army chief congratulates

Benazir Bhutto claims to have majority support

KARACHI, Nov 18, (Agencies): Opposition leader Benazir Bhutto said today her party has enough support in Parliament for her to form a government and become the first woman to lead a Muslim nation.

Results from Wednesday's elections, the first democratic polls since 1977, showed that Benazir's Pakistan People's Party received the largest number of seats in the National Assembly but did not win an overall majority.

Benazir said at a news conference that enough independent parties had joined her party or pledged support for a Benazir government to give her a legislative majority.

"We have a simple majority, based not only on agreement but also on people joining the PPP," she said. "We expect the President will call on us as soon as possible (to form the next government) before the house convenes."

Choose

Under the constitution, President Ghulam Ishaq Khan must choose a prime minister from the party he believes can command a majority in the assembly. An electoral college will vote for a President once the new government is formed.

Army Chief-of-State Mirza Aslam Beg today congratulated Benazir on her victory in the elections and promised a "smooth transfer of power to the newly

elected Parliament," a spokesman for Benazir said.

But former attorney-general Yahya Bakhtiar, who is advising Benazir on constitutional matters, warned of widespread unrest in the country if the opposition party is barred from forming a government.

"I hope (the President) is not out to stop Benazir as that would cause riots in the streets," he said.

The President should have called Benazir immediately after it became apparent her party was the largest in the assembly and the delay in doing so was probably due to his being misadvised.

Official results from 204 of 207 contests for National Assembly seats gave 92 to the PPP, seven to Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam, 54 to the Islamic Democratic Alliance, and 13 to the Mohajir Quami Movement.

Discuss

Ten seats are reserved for religious minorities, and 20 more are for women elected by the legislators.

Benazir said she met today with her aides to discuss the make-up of a possible coalition government and cabinet selection.

"We will work for a rejuvenated Pakistan," Benazir, 35-year-old daughter of hanged Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, said at the news conference.

Outlining what she said would be her foreign policy, Benazir said she would maintain close ties with the United States and see to improve strained relations with India, with which Pakistan has fought three wars since 1948. She also pledged her government would not acquire nuclear weapons.

The Harvard- and Oxford-educated Benazir, who along with her mother spent several

Accept

Islamic Democratic Alliance secretary-general Gbafoor Ahmed, who also lost his seat, said: "We accept the result. The elections were held in a free, fair and impartial manner."

IDA mainstream and Punjab Chief Minister Nawaz Sharif has flown to Karachi to put together a coalition government to keep the PPP from power. He was planning to open negotiations with the Mohajir Quami

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Party position

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| Pakistan People's Party (PPP): 92 seats | Alliance (BNA): 2 |
| Islamic Democratic Alliance (IDA): 54 | Pakistani Democratic Party (PDP): 1 |
| Mohajir Quami Movement (MQM): 13 | Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam: 1 |
| Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam, Fazal (JUI-F): 7 | Independents: 27 |
| Pakistan People's Alliance (PPA): 3 | |
| Awami National Party (ANP): 3 | |
| National People's Party, Khar (NPP-K): 2 | |
| Baluchistan National | |

Iraq, UK, US order out diplomats

Tit-for-tat expulsions

LONDON, Nov 18, (Agencies): Britain said today it expelled three members of the Iraqi embassy in London last month for "activities incompatible with their status," a diplomatic euphemism for spying.

Baghdad retaliated on Nov 1 by ordering home three British diplomats who have all returned to London, the British Foreign Office said.

The U.S. also expelled an Iraqi diplomat after Baghdad ordered out an American diplomat.

Announcing the expulsions, the British Foreign Office said the Iraqis were an assistant press officer, a third secretary and a driver.

It said a fourth Iraqi embassy member who was out of Britain at the time would not be allowed to return.

The Foreign Office did not disclose the exact nature of the Iraqis' activities but British press reports said they maintained surveillance on Iraqi dissidents

living in Britain, especially members of Al Dawa a clandestine Iraqi Shiite Muslim group.

The expelled Iraqis, who have all since left the country, were identified by the Foreign Office as Assistant Press Officer Abdul Hussein Jabara, third secretary Ghassan Mohammed Shakir and driver Samir Karim Hussein Mabdi.

Daham Mahmoud Ali, an assistant cultural counsellor who left the London embassy in early October, was forbidden ever to return to Britain.

Yesterday, the United States said it had ordered out an Iraqi diplomat in retaliation for what it termed the unjustified expulsion of an American diplomat from Baghdad.

US officials said Haywood Rankin head of the U.S. embassy political section, had been expelled because Iraq objected to what it viewed as too extensive contacts with the minority Kurdish population.

Iran urged to share information on mines

By Jadranka Porter

However, the Gulf states have taken an active interest and are capable of dealing with the problem, he added.

Kuwait's experts found a mine off the coast of Kuwait three weeks ago, he said. That brings the total number of mines found in the Gulf to 177. Eighty-eight of those were moored mines while the rest were floating ones.

In an exclusive interview with the Arab Times aboard the La Salle, the command ship of the US Joint Task Force in the Gulf, Tony Kibble, the Mine Counter Measures Group commander, said Iran should co-operate with the Gulf states to clear the waterway of mines.

Kibble said the mine-clearing effort does not have to be carried out with the assistance of the US Navy.

Risk

"It is up to the Iranians now to show its neighbours that it has goodwill and tell them what might be there (in the exclusion zone) so that they don't put their shipping at risk. They can all contribute to clean the Gulf up," Kibble said.

Following the ceasefire in the Iraq-Iran war, mines are the number one danger, he said.

Iran would have to provide



Tony Kibble information about the situation in the exclusion zone before the whole Gulf can be declared free of mines, he said.

"The mining of the Gulf was a well conceived and executed plan," said Kibble.

"We don't have reasons to think that there are a lot of mines there (in the exclusion zone), but we don't know. This is a big unknown area for us," said Kibble.

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34 countries back Palestinian state

Soviets recognise proclamation

NICOSIA, Nov 18, (Agencies): The Soviet Union recognised the proclamation of a Palestinian state today, while the number of states extending full diplomatic relations jumped to at least 34 when Cyprus, East Germany, Brunei, Sri Lanka, and Lebanon announced formal ties.

The Soviet action, announced at a hastily called news briefing by first Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Bessmertnykh, appeared to be a cautious step between Soviet support for the Palestinian cause and its effort to improve relations with Israel.

"Faithful to the fundamental principle of freedom of choice, the Soviet Union recognises the proclamation of the Palestinian state," Bessmertnykh said.

The top Foreign Ministry official added that the Soviet Union believed a comprehensive settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict "will lead also to the practical completion of the historic process of creating this state."

Asked whether his announcement amounted to recognition of the Palestinian state, Bess-

mertnykh said "in essence, it did."

But a Foreign Ministry spokesman, Boris Savastyanov, said later in a telephone interview that it did not entail immediate exchange of diplomats and full diplomatic relations.

"That requires additional work," he said, adding that he could not speculate on when it might occur.

Cyprus today became the second state with relations with Israel to recognise the Palestinian state.

Completion

INTERNATIONAL

**Students attack
US military housing
area near Seoul**

SEOUL, Nov 18, (AP): Forty youths wielding iron pipes and clubs attacked a US military housing area with firebombs last night, but fled before police could apprehend them, authorities said.

Nine military vehicles and passenger cars were damaged or destroyed and two soldiers were wounded in the attack on a military housing area about 1.6 kilometre from the US 8th Army headquarters just south of central Seoul.

"I consider those who attacked an American family housing area last night to be cowardly criminals," ... said General Louis Menetrey, commander of US forces, in a statement issued today.

"Thugs who use iron pipes, clubs and gasoline bombs against unarmed families, women and children can be considered nothing else," he said.

Israeli Army keep high profile**Curfew lifted in Gaza**

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov 18, (Reuter): Israel lifted a five-day curfew in the Gaza Strip yesterday but troops kept a high profile there and in the West Bank to prevent celebrations of Palestinian independence.

"We are lifting the curfew," southern commander Major-General Yitzhak Mordechai told reporters. "We proved the curfew achieved its purpose and now we must return life to the routine."

Israel has gradually eased curbs it imposed last week in the occupied territories to prevent Palestinians, now in the 12th month of an anti-Israeli uprising, from demonstrating support for Tuesday's proclamation in Algiers of independence by the Palestine National Council, the parliament-in-exile.

An Army spokesman said curfews were still imposed to confine residents to their homes in some

neighbourhoods and refugee camps of Gaza. Soldiers also barred passage through parts of the West Bank.

Military sources said they believed the curfew was the longest clamped on the Gaza Strip, home to 650,000 Palestinians, since Israel captured it from Egypt along with the West Bank from Jordan in the 1967 Middle East war.

Patrol

Today, large numbers of troops were on patrol in the occupied lands. In the Biblical West Bank city of Bethlehem, dozens of troops ringed the Central Mosque at Manger Square, said a reporter Haitham Hamad.

At an Army checkpoint on the highway to Jerusalem, soldiers ordered Palestinian youths off Jerusalem-bound buses, apparently to prevent them from reaching Friday prayers at the Al Aqsa Mosque.

Hirohito becoming weaker

TOKYO, Nov 18, (AP): Emperor Hirohito, bedridden for two months since he coughed up blood, was growing weaker today but his vital signs were holding firm, palace officials said.

Troops used long sticks topped with gasoline-soaked rags to burn the flags. Soldiers stopped several motorists along the way, asking them for matches and lighters, witnesses said.

"Shops were open and streets crowded throughout the occupied lands despite a leaflet issued yesterday in the name of Hamas calling for a three-day strike to protest the Algiers proclamation."

"I am ready to reduce the deployment of troops in the strip and return the situation to normal," Mordechai said, adding that such a decision would depend on continued calm and order.

The spokesman, whose agency handles all court affairs, said Hirohito's fever declined this morning to 36.9 degrees Celsius (98.4 F).

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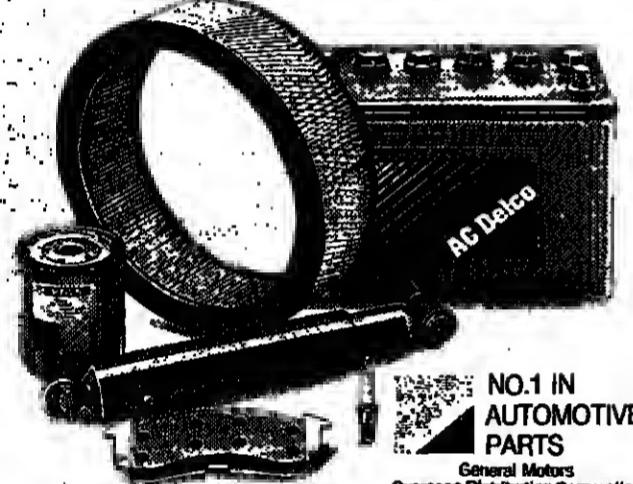
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Marcos falls sick, may avoid court orders

HONOLULU, Nov 18, (Reuter): A spokesman for deposed Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos said Marcos was seriously ill and might be physically unable to obey court orders to turn over bank records and be fingerprinted.

Asked to describe Marcos's illness, the spokesman, Gemmo Trinidad, told Reuters: "I can't elaborate. It is a sad situation. I do not think it is possible he will be able to obey the court orders, but I do not know for sure."

The US Supreme Court on Monday ordered Marcos, 71, and his wife Imelda, who have been charged with looting the Philippine treasury of \$103 million and defrauding US banks of \$165 million, to hand over foreign bank records, handwriting samples and "voice prints" and undergo finger-printing.

The couple had been expected at the offices of the FBI in Honolulu, where they are living in exile, within 48 hours to be finger-printed.

If he does not obey the court orders, Marcos could be held in contempt of court.

China withdraws air rights for S. Korea

BEIJING, Nov 18, (Reuter): China has abruptly withdrawn rights for Korean Air Lines to fly over its airspace, probably because of pressure from North Korea, an adviser to KAL said.

Peter Hyun told a journalists luncheon that KAL was granted the rights during the Olympics in September, to be continued on a month-to-month basis, but they were cancelled without explanation at the end of October.

Hyun said it was not a question of fees. "Most likely, it was pressure from North Korea." Hyun's appearance was the first time a person with close links to the South Korean government has met the foreign press in Beijing.

Directives

North Korea is a close political and military ally of China and has been enraged by the growing economic ties between China and South Korea.

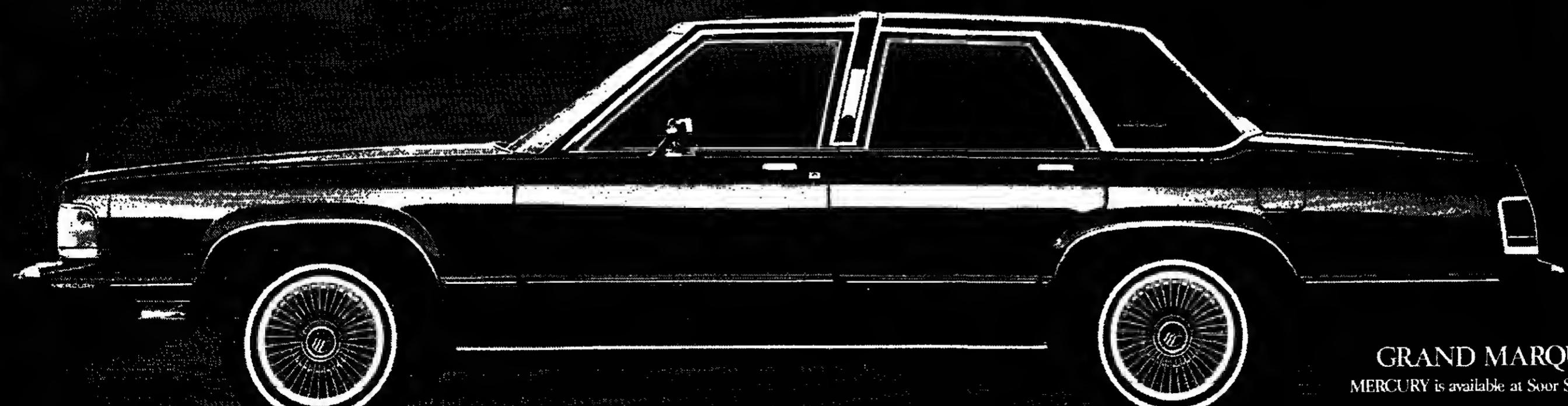
Asian diplomats in Beijing say that while China's Foreign Ministry opposes closer links with South Korea, economic ministries keenly want its capital and entry visas.

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Kuwaiti minister discusses security issues with Waldheim

VIENNA, Nov 18. (KUNA): Kuwaiti Interior Minister Sheikh Salem and his accompanying delegation left here today for London, concluding upon official five-day visit to Austria.

At the airport, Sheikh Salem was seen off by his Austrian counterpart Karl Blecha, senior interior and security officials and the Kuwaiti ambassador to Vienna Abdel Hamid Al Awadi.

During his stay, the Kuwaiti minister met with President Kurt Waldheim, Blecha and Vice-Chancellor and Foreign Minister Alois Mock.

Talks focused on bilateral issues, particularly co-operation in the security field, including the exchange of information on fighting terrorism and narcotics.

Security

Sheikh Salem said an Austrian delegation of experts in security and police affairs will visit Kuwait.

Following his meeting with Waldheim, Sheikh Salem told KUNA that he relayed a message from HH the Amir to the Austrian President on bilateral links and international issues.

The Salem-Waldheim meeting also touched on the new independent Palestinian state.

Sheikh Salem said he also discussed the Palestine National Council's (PNC) decision on the establishment of a Palestinian state with Mock, Blecha and the parliament's speaker.

Argentina honours Kuwaiti UN delegate

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 18, (KUNA): Argentina on Tuesday decorated Kuwait's United Nations Chief Delegate Mohammad A. Ahulhassan with the grand cross of the "Orden del Libertador," the country's highest award to a foreign official.

The honour was bestowed on Ahulhassan by Argentine Foreign Minister Dante Caputo during a ceremony at the Argentine mission to the United Nations. Caputo is also the current president of the General Assembly. Ahulhassan is Kuwait's co-resident ambassador to Argentina.

Pleasure

"It has always been a source of satisfaction for me to decorate a foreign ambassador, but on this occasion I have to admit a double pleasure, as ambassador Ahulhassan not only represents the State of Kuwait at the United

Nations, but is also the non-resident ambassador to Argentina," Caputo said.

Ahulhassan has emerged as one of the leading personalities of the Arab world, Caputo said. "His skills and personal knowledge of international matters are instrumental now to the excellent job he is doing as chairman of the (General Assembly's) Third Committee (on Humanitarian and Social Affairs)," Caputo said.

Debt

Caputo then turned to the question of Palestine which he said was of interest not only to Argentina's foreign policy but to the international community as a whole.

"We all have a debt with the Palestinian people, and this organisation, in particular, should be committed to honour that debt," Caputo said.



Commander of the Air Force Brigade, Brig. Abdulaziz Al Ghannem (right) shaking hands with a Bahraini officer before the Bahraini delegation that took part in the GCC air manoeuvres left Kuwait yesterday.

Kuwait calls for protection of children's rights

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 18, (KUNA): Kuwait on Wednesday called for international measures to protect children's rights.

Speaking in the UN General Assembly's third committee on Social, Humanitarian and Cultural issues, Kuwaiti Representative Sheikh Salem Al Jaber Al Sabah said, however, that such measures should not undermine the role of the family and should take cultural differences into account.

The Third Committee, which ended its debate on humanitarian issues and property rights on Tuesday evening, is led by Kuwaiti Ambassador Mohammad A. Ahulhassan.

Conditions

Sheikh Salem noted the situation of children in developing countries require concerted international efforts to improve economic and social conditions. Social programmes, including those affecting children, were curtailed because of those countries' limited resources, he said.

"Because of the devastating effects of armed conflicts on children, the international community should take steps to reduce tensions, resolve conflicts and end violence against children," he said.

Man dies in crash

ONE man was killed yesterday in a collision on the express road near the Ahmadi and Sabahia Bridge, according to the Public Relations Department at the Ministry of Interior.

Twenty-five accidents were reported yesterday. Eight wrecks occurred in the capital, two in Hawalli, 10 in Ahmadi and five in Jahra.

She said they tied her and Naseer up and gagged them both

Two hospitals criticised in national health survey

By Mahmoud Morsi

THE public is generally not satisfied with the health services being offered by Amiri Hospital, according to a national health survey.

The survey also showed that Kuwaiti residents around Mubarak Al Kabeer Hospital are dissatisfied with the level of competence shown by operating doctors there.

However, 98 per cent of the citizens and expatriates surveyed are generally satisfied with the level of competence shown by doctors in government hospitals, the survey said.

Plans

Results of the national health survey will be used as the basis for plans to overcome existing health care shortages and to upgrade the level of public health services in Kuwait, according to Dr Khalifa Al Saqqabi, director of the Planning and Follow-up Department at the Ministry of Public Health.

The survey showed that 96 per cent of those interviewed were vaccinated against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough. Ninety-four per cent were vaccinated against polio and 89 per

Man sentenced on drug charge

A MAN identified as M.H.B was sentenced to two years' imprisonment by the Criminal Court on a charge of attempting to bring hashish into the country.

The defendant admitted that he brought 36 grammes of the substance into the country on April 4 for his own use.

In addition to the prison sentence, the man was ordered to pay a fine of KD200 and KD20 customs duty. He will be deported at the end of the prison term.

Ration card centres open

THE Undersecretary of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Sheikh Al Hmad has said that citizens and expatriates who wish to renew their ration cards may do so from 7.30 am to 1.30 pm and from 4 to 6 pm at ministry ration card centers.

Local merchants complain about Asian companies

KUWAITI companies and merchants are complaining that Korean and Japanese companies who practice unlicensed activities are infiltrating the local market.

The merchants said that the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is responsible for the problem which is hurting Kuwait businesses and the national economy.

Attractive

Some Korean companies deal in all commercial activities and win tenders due to their low prices. These companies are supported by their governments and are able to offer low prices when tendering, the merchants said.

In one instance, a Korean office exported tyres to Iraq and Iran at the expense of a Kuwaiti company which was supposed to sup-

ply the tyres. The Korean office submitted an attractive offer with low prices for the tyres which were imported from a socialist market.

The merchants admitted that these companies have the right to compete in the local market. But, they added that competition should be fair and legal. The Korean companies should also be limited to dealing in commercial activity, they said.

Laws

They called for revising Kuwaiti commercial laws which permit foreign companies to enter the local market easily. These Asian companies do not have similar offices in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia or Dubai because they cannot practice their activities there like in Kuwait, they claimed.

Court adjourns trial of pair in kidnap case

ABU DHABI, Nov 18, (AP): A criminal court in the United Arab Emirates yesterday ordered a one-week adjournment in the case of two Irishmen charged with kidnapping a five-year-old girl involved in a custody dispute.

Gerard Flynn, 25, and Dennis Dennehy, 28, both from Dublin, are accused of trying to return Nadine Naseer to her Irish mother, Ann McManus, a nurse.

The child was living with her Jordanian father, Sami Naseer, a physician who holds both Jordanian and Irish nationality.

Gagged

Mrs Teresa Naseer, Nadine's stepmother, told the court during Thursday's hearing that the Irishmen burst into the couple's home in the town of Khor Fakkan and took Nadine away.

She said they tied her and Naseer up and gagged them both

with sticking plaster.

"No they have not hurt me," Mrs Naseer, from the Philippines, said in response to a question. "But one of them put his hand in his pocket and pulled out a toy pistol."

"I was terribly scared when they both burst into house. They used rope to tie me, then lock me in the bathroom," she added.

The girl is to testify when the hearing resumes on Thursday.

Naseer told the court he was granted custody of the child by a Jordanian Muslim court after taking her on a vacation. Naseer and McManus had divorced and Nadine was living with her mother.

The two Irishmen were arrested at Sharjah International Airport on Sept 4. They denied kidnapping the child, saying they were only taking her to her mother. They also denied taking money from McManus.

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OIC official hails PNC declaration

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 18, (KUNA): The Secretary-general of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC), Syed Sharifuddin Pirzada, hailed the declaration of an independent Palestinian state adopted by the Palestine National Council (PNC) in Algiers early Tuesday.

In a statement distributed here, Pirzada congratulated the PNC for adopting "this heroic declaration which is an eloquent testimony of the wisdom, sagacity and political acumen of the Palestinian leadership."

Opportunity

Pirzada called upon the international community, particularly the parties directly concerned, to seize this opportunity for promoting a just and durable peace in the Middle East by urgently convening the international conference with full and equal participation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

He also called upon the international community to extend its full support to the Palestinian struggle for self-determination and national liberation by recognizing the independent Palestinian state.

He said the Palestinian people who have endured endless suffering at the hands of Zionists aggression, have once again demonstrated their passion for peace and justice by adopting a new peace strategy.

No sentence imposed in rape case

THE Court of Cassation has upheld the decision by the Court of Appeal which imposed no sentence on a teacher accused of attempted rape of one of his female students.

The Criminal Court originally sentenced the defendant to 10 years in jail with hard labour to be followed by deportation.

The teacher appealed the verdict and the Court of Appeals refrained from passing sentence.

The UAE Defence Minister Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum issued a message of condolences. Sheikh Mohammed is the son of the ruler of Dubai.

It gave no details on how the accident occurred nor did it further identify the men who died in the crash.

The teacher appealed the verdict and the Court of Appeals refrained from passing sentence.

The general prosecution appealed the decision of the Court of Appeals but the Court of Cassation agreed with the ruling in which no sentence was imposed.



Kuwaiti arrested for fraud

THE Kuwait City CID men have arrested a Kuwaiti citizen on a charge of fraud.

Security investigations revealed that the accused was purchasing large quantities of

Phone services improving

TELEPHONE customers in several areas of Kuwait are still experiencing technical problems, but work to improve services will begin as soon as possible, according to Minister of Communications Abdullah Al Sharhan.

Subscribers in Jahra, Salmiya and Al Qurtubah still have telephone problems, the minister said.

Bids for network improvement projects in these areas will be invited as soon as possible, he said.

Better

There have been some improvements in telephone service in other areas of the country. Customers in Salmiya, Hawalli and other areas are enjoying better services now, the minister said.

The ministry is making a concerted effort to collect money owed by subscribers who have left the country without paying their telephone bills.

As of June 30, subscribers owed the ministry KD24,519,000, he said. The ministry is working with other governments to collect these bills.

Meanwhile, a plan to link Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) states via a new telephone network under construction is being reviewed by a joint technical committee, the minister said.

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Sri Lanka to tighten security for polls

COLONBO, Nov 18, (Reuters): Security will be further tightened at presidential election rallies in Sri Lanka after a bomb attack killed three people at an opposition meeting, a police official said today.

"About 75 people were injured yesterday when two bombs were flung at the rally in support of Ossie Abeygoonesekera, candidate of the small leftist People's Party."

Witnesses said most were injured when the crowd of about 5,000 stampeded away from the scene of the rally at a road intersection in a congested area of Colombo.

"There was pandemonium. People ran here and there and fell over each other. Many were trampled," one witness said.

Abeygoonesekera, vice-president of the party, escaped unhurt but its secretary Y.P. de Silva was injured. It was the first public rally launching Abeygoonesekera's campaign for the Dec 19 election.

The police official said that uniformed and plainclothes police already guarded election

rallies and that police riot squads stood by at potential trouble spots.

"We will now have to provide further security," the official said without elaborating.

Abeygoonesekera is supported by three other leftist parties and also by a Tamil militant group which until last year was fighting to set up an independent state in the north and east.

The other two candidates, Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa of the ruling United National Party and former Prime Minister Sirima Bandaranaike of the Freedom Party, have also started their campaigns to replace President Junius Jayewardene, who is not standing for re-election.

Meetings planned for yesterday by the Freedom Party in the north-central district of Anuradhapura had to be cancelled because of a bomb attack on the party's office there earlier in the week, police said.

Police said they suspected a Marxist group, the People's Liberation Front, was responsible for the bombing in Colombo.

Afghan diplomats defect to America

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 18 (AP): Two diplomats who accompanied Afghan Prime Minister Mohammad Hassan Sharq on his mission to the United Nations last week have defected, US officials said yesterday.

An official at the US mission to the United Nations said the State Department confirmed that two Afghan diplomats did not return to Kabul, but would not say more about their whereabouts. He spoke on condition of anonymity.

Other US officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed both diplomats had defected to the United States.

Rockets

Sharq was in New York last week for talks with UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar and other officials.

Meanwhile, rebels fired rockets into the eastern Afghan town of Jalalabad yesterday, killing seven people, the official Kabul Radio said.

It said four people were also wounded by the four surface-to-

surface missiles fired by "extremist elements," a label Kabul uses for Muslim mujahideen fighting the Soviet-backed government.

The Western-backed guerrillas have frequently rocketed towns since Moscow began withdrawing its troops from Afghanistan last May under UN mediated accords.

Earlier, six foreign journalists injured in eastern Afghanistan on Wednesday were wounded in a rebel rocket attack, Western diplomats said.

The Islamabad-based diplomats said a rocket landed near an armoured personnel carrier carrying journalists on a visit to a key road government forces recaptured from Muslim rebels last Sunday.

The Afghan authorities said the six were taken to the capital Kabul for treatment.

The official Kabul Radio said on Wednesday journalists from the Soviet Union, France, Japan and India visited the highway which runs from the provincial capital of Jalalabad to the Pakistan border.

Six killed in Punjab violence

AMRITSAR, Nov 18, (Reuters): Four Sikh extremists and two policemen were killed in an hour-long gunbattle in north India's Punjab state yesterday, police said.

Among the dead was Bal Singh, a senior member of one of the most violent militant groups fighting for a separate homeland for India's 15 million Sikhs, they said.

The Press Trust of India said the clash occurred in a village near the Sikh Holy City of Amritsar.

State Governor Siddhartha Shankar Ray meanwhile announced that elections to restore local rule in Punjab would begin in March.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi imposed direct rule on Punjab, India's premier agricultural state, in 1987 as part of his strategy to contain extremist violence.

Burmese diplomats get refuge

CANBERRA, Nov 18, (Reuters): Australia today granted refuge to three Burmese diplomats who feared they would be arrested and possibly executed if they returned home.

"The decision was based on humanitarian grounds," Immigration Minister Robert Ray said.

The diplomats, Myint Soe, first secretary, Maung Maung Nyo, second secretary, and Htoo Myint, chancellor, sought refuge on Nov 8 after being recalled to Burma.

They said they were supporters of the mass movement for democratisation in Burma, being run by a military council after a coup in September.

"In the wake of the military takeover in Burma, these men feared that on recall they would be dismissed from their jobs and arrested," Ray said.

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Peace accord signed to end Sudan civil war

WASHINGTON, Nov 18, (AP): The US Food and Drug Administration is telling Aspirin makers to warn women not to take the popular pain killer during the last three months of pregnancy lest they risk prolonged labour and unnecessary bleeding.

Aspirin products in the United States already must carry the standard warning: "As with any drug, if you are pregnant or nursing a baby seek the advice of a health professional before using this product."

This additional wording would be required under the FDA proposal issued on Thursday: "Important: Do not take this product during the last three months of pregnancy unless directed by a doctor. Aspirin taken near the time of delivery may cause bleeding problems in both mother and child."

Although it could be a year before the FDA, which licenses and monitors the prescription drug industry in the United States, will be able to impose the new labelling requirements formally, officials said Aspirin manufacturers probably will move sooner to comply since there is little chance the agency will change its mind.

KHARTOUM, Nov 18, (Reuters): Thousands of people gave a hero's welcome yesterday to a Sudanese politician on his return to Khartoum with a peace agreement aimed at ending the five-year civil war in the south.

Mohammed Osman Al Mirghani, leader of Sudan's co-ruling Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), arrived amid tight security from his talks in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa where he negotiated a peace pact with rebel chief John Garang.

"The political and economic future of Sudan depends entirely on peace," Mirghani told reporters on arrival.

They said the statement was likely to be in favour of the pact, which is vehemently opposed by the other main coalition partner, the militant National Islamic Front.

Rebels of John Garang's Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) have been fighting in the south since 1983 to end what they see as excessive influence by the Muslim Arabised north in the mainly Christian and animist region.

The DUP-SPLA accord, which can only come into force if the Khartoum government and parliament approve it, calls for a ceasefire, the lifting of Sudan's

state of emergency and a freeze of new Islamic sharia laws until a constitutional conference is held to decide the future of the country.

The agreement also calls for the abrogation of military pacts with other nations, a reference widely believed to refer to those signed with neighbouring Egypt and Libya.

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Thought for today

NO one can worship God or love his neighbour on an empty stomach—Woodrow Wilson, US president (1856-1924).

US vice-presidents: relatively obscure

By Walter R. Mears

WASHINGTON. (AP): Dan Quayle's new boss says the 44th vice-president of the United States will be one of the great ones, but it's going to be hard to tell whether he is or not. Greatness is not easily discerned in understandings.

Nobody much remembers vice-presidents who don't get promoted.

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The lot of a black national hero

By David Crary

NEW BRIGHTON, South Africa. (AP): In a trim, brick townhouse near a fortified police station lives a soft-spoken, bespectacled old man. The police consider him a threat in state security. In others, he is a national hero.

Gavin Mbeki, 78, was freed from prison a year ago. 23 years after he, Nelson Mandela and other African National Congress leaders received life sentences for conspiring against the white-led government.

Mandela and five co-defendants remain in custody, but there are persistent hints they may soon be released. If they go free, one factor will have been Mbeki's willingness to ensure severe restrictions that have cut him off from many of the blacks who revered him.

"The future of Mandela and others is in some extent in Mbeki's hands," a government official said last year.

Within a month of his release, Mbeki was prohibited from leaving the area around Port Elizabeth, barred from addressing meetings and banned from writing for publication.

Visitors

He may receive visitors at his two-storey apartment in New Brighton, a black township adjoining Port Elizabeth, but he cannot be quoted in the media.

"His presence is symbolic," said the Rev. McEbisu Xundu, an Anglican minister who knows Mbeki well. "His release was a resuscitation. No one expected to see him this side of the grave."

Immediately after his release, Mbeki reaffirmed his support for the ANC's guerrilla campaign and his allegiance to the outlawed South African Communist Party.

His steadfastness has earned him deep respect in New Brighton and neighbouring townships, which form one of the most militant, pro-ANC strongholds in South Africa. Mbeki, a former teacher and journalist, moved to the area in 1955 and became the ANC's national chairman the

Tough task lies ahead

By Oliver Wates

ISLAMABAD. (Reuter): Benazir Bhutto's partial victory in Wednesday's Pakistani elections will test her political skills to the utmost, political analysts said.

The failure of her Pakistan People's Party (PPP) to win an overall majority will thrust her, inexperienced and only 35 years old, into the minefield of coalition government.

"She's very untried. It will be a very great test," a senior Western diplomat commented.

Capable

With one seat to be declared, the PPP was still 17 short of the 109 needed for an absolute majority. Its main rival, the pro-government Islamic Democratic Alliance (IDA), won 54 seats and independents and minor parties 58.

Bhutto called an acting President Ghulam Ishaq Khan on Thursday to nominate her as prime minister.

Under the constitution, the 73-year-old President can choose any deputy he thinks capable of winning a vote of confidence

when it's been tempered by the flame.

"Sudden national fame can be tough, it can be tough on your family. We all know that, all of us. But let me tell you about him. He's going to be one of the great vice-presidents."

But John Nance Garner, who held the job under Franklin D. Roosevelt and said it wasn't worth a bucket of warm spit, once ventured this observation:

"A great man may be vice-president but he can't be a great vice-president because the office in itself is unimportant."

It was Alben Barkley, elected by the Senate to be the job after Franklin Roosevelt died, who said it was a great honour to be vice-president.

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Freedom

The bankers added that delay on the money could force Pakistan to cut imports or use dwindling foreign exchange reserves to fund a growing current account deficit.

"The transition in a new government has proceeded quite smoothly and it is not obvious that there would be a major policy shift," said Peter Gutmann, senior research manager in National Westminster Bank PLC's Market Intelligence Department.

If anybody starts giving him a bard time about his full name again, as Michael Dukakis tried to do, Quayle can look back to vice-president George M. Dallas, who gave his name in a small Texas town in 1846. Or to vice-president Henry Wilson, who changed his name from Jeremiah Jones Colbath when he was 21.

Or he can read Ms. Healy's account of James S. Sherman's overweight running mate to the hefty President William Howard Taft. They got on well at first, and became golfing companions. "This continued until Taft discovered not only that his vice-president would not go along with his reform programmes, but that he did not play golf very well," she writes.

He's a legend," said a government-employed librarian. "He's a symbol of hope that Mandela and others will be freed."

A visitor to Mbeki's home encounters a gracious, relaxed man whose eloquence brings to mind a retired professor. He reads a great deal, including pro-government newspapers, and receives a steady stream of guests.

Gracious

Mbeki's wife and daughter live in the black homeland of Transkei and visit only occasionally. His three sons left South Africa for political reasons — one of them, Thabo, is a leader of the ANC.

Associates say Mbeki manages to communicate with his sons and other colleagues despite restraints.

"He's got bant lines all over," said Judy Chalmers, regional coordinator of the black Sash Civil Rights Group.

Xundo said the restriction that links Mbeki most is the one barring him from publishing articles.

"He would like to write his thoughts and engage intellectually with the powers that be," Xundo said.

Reforms

Associates have the impression that Mbeki views the government's limited reforms of recent years as cosmetic changes that do not address the fundamental issue of black political rights.

They say Mbeki has a deeply rooted optimism that black majority rule is inevitable.

Under apartheid, blacks have no vote in national affairs and a white minority controls the economy and maintains separate schools and districts.

A local human rights worker, Mike Mjekula, said the restrictions on Mbeki have been difficult on the former prisoner.

"They (the government) have managed to release him and silence him and create a situation where he is useless," Mjekula said.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1521 — War between French and Valois breaks out in Italy.

1807 — France invades Portugal.

1809 — French forces defeat Spanish at Ocaña and overrun all Andalucia, except for Cadiz.

1899 — Khalifa of Sudan is killed by Sir Reginald Wingate on the White Nile.

1924 — Sir Lee Stack, British governor of Sudan, is slain in Cairo, Egypt.

1942 — Soviet troops counterattack at Stalingrad and surround German troops in World War II.

1961 — About 4,900 Algerian rebels in French prisons end 19-day hunger strike on assurance they will be treated as political prisoners.

1970 — Vatican pledges support to United Nations plan for narrowing economic gap between rich and poor nations.

1977 — Egypt's President Anwar Sadat arrives in Israel on his first peace mission to that nation and receives warm welcome from principal political leaders.

1978 — Guyanese troops raid jungle camp of People's Temple sect and begin to find bodies of hundreds of suicide victims.

1987 — Thousands shout for revenge during funeral procession for 10 civilians killed in Iranian air raid on hospital in northern Kurdish city of Sehuk, Iraq.



Benazir Bhutto

from the house within 60 days. He is not obliged to select the leader of the largest party.

But Pakistani and Western analysts said it was highly unlikely, given the party balance in parliament, that he would opt for anyone but Benazir.

"It would have to be a very brave President who didn't choose Benazir," one diplomat said.

Ishaq Khan, the chairman of the Senate (upper house), took office on the death in a plane crash last August of President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq. He has many times pledged to abide strictly by the constitution in filling the power vacuum.

Overthrown

Some foreign diplomats in Islamabad say it is unthinkable that the military, who have ruled Pakistan for more than half its 41-year history, would allow another Bhutto government.

But most diplomats and Pakistanis believe the military is prepared to at least give the PPP

a chance, although it might step in again after several months if chaos loomed or its interests were threatened.

Benazir has indicated over the past two years that she understands she cannot govern without the consent of the Army and it has gone out of her way to make conciliatory noises.

She said on Thursday she had had "informal exchanges" with the military. But aides reject suggestions that she had made a detailed pact with the officers giving them a share of power.

If she becomes the first woman elected to rule a Muslim country, Benazir will inherit responsibility for tackling a daunting list of economic, social and political problems.

Illiterate

Three-quarters of Pakistanis are illiterate and the rate has been rising. The 104 million population is growing at a breakneck 3.1 per cent a year.

Roads and sewers need repair.

health care and education are largely basic, deforestation rampant.

Benazir would also inherit a serious deficit in government finances, a narrow tax base, vulnerable export sector, and a hidebound bureaucracy notorious among business for its obstructive power.

Benazir's room for manoeuvre would be restricted by the demands of defence, which accounts for about 37 per cent of current spending in the budget. But she may find a coalition hampers her efforts even further, a Western analyst said.

Contacts

"She's coming in as a moderate and she really doesn't need her hands tied," he said. "She's going to be tested on two fronts, governing the country and handling the coalition."

The PPP has already begun contacts with minor parties for forming a coalition. Benazir said the PPP had won a "national" mandate by being the only party to win seats in all four.

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equally in accordance with Islam.

But some politicians and authorities questioned by Reuter correspondents Muslim capitals saw Benazir as a challenge — welcome or unwelcome — to entrenched rulers.

"If an Islamic nation elects a woman democratically, it sends out very strong signals against the established order," said New Delhi politics professor C.P. Bhamra.

Benazir's election "will push women forward in politics, but in other fields too," he added.

"Her victory is a triumph of democracy," said Begum Khaleida Zia, leader of a seven-party opposition alliance in Banjul.

The idea that a woman should not bid for power in a Muslim country was broken down social barriers in recent decades to take senior jobs in business, the professions, education, the civil service and in limited numbers — politics.

Exclude

Only a handful of conservative Arab countries still exclude women from politics.

But few women have risen to the top and a woman has never led an Islamic state — though Indira Gandhi led secular India with its 100 million Muslims for 14 years.

Victory

Where will Milosevic stop? His supporters sense victory, and it will be hard for him to call off the demonstrations.

So far, the non-Serbs have organized counter-demonstrations in their own republics. They fear that such a move might destroy Yugoslavia as a united country. This possibility alarms Yugoslavia's neighbours — and the superpowers. NATO planners have always been wary of seeing this communist but staunchly independent country, with a long Mediterranean coast, fall back under Soviet influence.

"Sure, Gorbachev may be too pre-occupied with his own problems at home to take advantage of Yugoslavia's problems," says a Western diplomat. "But there could be a chain reaction."

No one in the Balkans forgets how the assassination of Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand sparked a response among the great powers that led to World War I.

The Christian Science Monitor.

By Thomas Ginsberg

NEW YORK. (AP): Ground-breaking reforms in Soviet Lithuania are fuelling cautious hope among emigres, but also stirring debate over how they should respond.

"We are all a little bit shocked" by the changes, said Algimantas Klimauskas, a Lithuanian dissident who lives in France and works with the Baltic World Council. He said people are too quick to accept the Soviet reforms, "and some people are too skeptical. We must find a middle way."

The debate over tactics has heated up in the last two weeks following the inaugural conference in Vilnius Oct 22-23 of the officially sanctioned Movement for Restructuring, which takes its name from Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's plan of economic and social reform.

Some 20,000 people gathered for the conference, where more than 1,000 delegates, including many Communist Party members, adopted resolutions demanding sweeping reforms for Lithuania, already one of the most progressive of the 15 Soviet republics.

According to emigres who participated in the conference, the party within days began to reduce food and medical

privileges enjoyed by party elite, speed up the resignation of old-time "Stalinists" and form a task force to investigate suppression of recent protests.

HEALTH AND MEDICINE

An important milestone in detecting Down's Syndrome

New test cuts risk of having handicapped baby

By Mary Kemp

IT'S every woman's nightmare — to give birth to a handicapped child.

And up until now expectant mothers have had to go through the agonising and traumatic experience of an amniocentesis to detect any abnormalities such as Down's Syndrome in their unborn baby.

Amniocentesis involves withdrawal of fluid from the womb and can be dangerous as there is the risk of brain damage to the baby, as well as the possibility of a miscarriage.

But now a safe and simple blood test can determine if a woman is carrying a Down's Syndrome child. The major breakthrough could actually cut the number of Down's Syndrome births by as much as two thirds.

The new test has been developed by doctors at St Bart's Hospital, London, and involves screening for Down's Syndrome through a routine blood test carried out along with the usual tests and examinations any pregnant woman undergoes.

If the blood test is positive, only those women who are known to be at risk will have to undergo the uncomfortable procedure of amniocentesis, the tricky insertion of a needle through the woman's abdomen into the womb to draw off amniotic fluid for analysis.

Dr Howard Cuckle, a member of the medical team which pioneered the test, explains: "Women should now feel more protected during pregnancy."

Simple

"And it is such a simple test we now hope it will be made available to every pregnant woman, regardless of her age."

At present only women over 35 are routinely offered amniocentesis, or those who have a family history of Down's Syndrome. The main reason for this is the NHS (National Health Service) resources, as it costs more than £100 per person to carry out the test." The new test could be cheaply and



A baby in the womb.

easily available to all mothers.

It is well known that the chance of having a Down's baby increases rapidly with the mother's age. A woman in her early fifties has a one in six chance of giving birth to a Down's baby, whereas it is only one in 1000 chance for those aged 30."

The breakthrough will bring great relief to women who undergo amniocentesis because they are over the age of 35, and they dread it will result in a miscarriage.

Dr Cuckle says: "The risk of miscarriage after amniocentesis is between a half and one percent."

For many older women it is their last chance of a first pregnancy. Or it could be the first child of a second marriage."

Miscarriage

Because of the risk of miscarriage, some women decide against amniocentesis even though they know they could give birth to a Down's baby.

Dr Cuckle adds: "I think

younger women will benefit most because until now they haven't been eligible to undergo amniocentesis. The new test will prevent many of them having to bring up a Down's Syndrome child."

"We've been inundated with phone calls from women wanting to have the test. We even had one from a man in Egypt who wanted to fly his pregnant wife over straight away."

The test may be available nationwide in Britain as early as next year. It is inexpensive and blood analysis can be simply carried out by lab technicians.

Down's Syndrome is a common disorder which affects 1.5 in every 1000 births in Britain. The new test follows a similar test already available for spina bifida, another major birth handicap. It is carried out at 16 weeks and analyses levels of three main foetal chemicals, all of which are found to be highly abnormal in Down's babies.

Dr Cuckle says: "Five years ago we found that the level of alpha-fetoprotein (AFP) was high in women carrying spina bifida babies. We have since discovered that the same finding is very low with Down's babies."

In fact, screening for spina bifida and other related defects has been so successful in Britain that the number of spina bifida babies has dropped by 50 per cent.

But the new test is not a way of preventing handicaps. When a pregnant woman is told she is carrying a Down's baby she still has to decide whether to give birth or have the pregnancy terminated. It may be an agonising decision to have to make, but it does at least give women the choice.

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Dr Cuckle adds: "We now hope to do the same with Down's Syndrome. It really is an exciting development. We will be able to increase the detection rate from its present 30 per cent to more than 60 per cent."

This could cut down the number of Down's babies in Britain from 900 to just over 350 a year. Dr Cuckle says:

"The new test is a very important milestone and means we are one step nearer towards testing for all major handicaps prenatally."

Incentive

"It also gives an incentive to research into the actual causes of Down's Syndrome. As yet we have no idea why some women have Down's babies. They come right out of the blue."

"We know that risk increases with age, but this is not always inherited and you can never predict it in advance."

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Acupuncture: no magic cure

By Michelle Beauchamp

ACUPUNCTURE is rooted in thousands of years of Chinese traditional medicine.

It is successfully used to treat many conditions, including migraine, ulcers, arthritis, sciatica, asthma, and colitis. It can also help with addictions, such as smoking, drinking, or compulsive eating.

The underlying principle of Chinese medicine is that there is a flow of energy through the body and that malaise or illness occur when that energy flow (chi) is out of balance.

The acupuncturist reads the 12 pulses of the body which describe 28 constitutional qualities and indicate any functional imbalance. The problem is treated by redirecting or rebalancing energy levels using needles or pressure on acupoints along the body's meridians, which are connected with a particular organ or function.

Jackie Young, who originally trained as a psychologist, has practised acupuncture for eight years. She explained how it can help someone give up smoking: "If there's a balance of energy between all the meridians or the different systems of the body, then you don't have disease."

"An addiction, such as smoking, is conceptualised as an imbalance of energy. Acupuncture is used to reduce withdrawal symptoms and help the body, particularly the lungs, clean out at a faster rate.

If you come to smoke again, it tastes really horrible because your body is back to the state

before you learned to tolerate the toxins."

Acupuncture restores the balance of energy, accelerates the process of cleaning, and enhances the body's natural "high" so that cigarettes are no longer desired. It stimulates release of the body's natural opiate — endorphins — which provide natural pain relief and compulsion eating.

Sally, who has smoked for 15 years, tried acupuncture in her latest effort to give up. "It's early days yet, but I found that it almost eradicated the early cravings and left me feeling curiously relaxed all day, almost as though I'd had a few drinks."

The technique can also help in alleviating infertility, preventing miscarriage, and reducing symptoms of menstrual disorders, including painful periods, PMT, and menopausal flushes.

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It is important to remember that acupuncture is part of a system of medicine that responds to the whole person, paying particular attention to diet and exercise.

"acupuncture comes into its own. It's accepted these days that weight problems are not just physical, they're closely linked with emotions, how you feel about yourself, especially as a woman. If someone is overweight because they are unhappy or depressed or lack confidence, then acupuncture can be used to build them up emotionally, so that they have more resources to reduce weight."

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EVENTS

Glasnost opens the door for cultural exchanges

Ballet stars in town

By Fatima Ahmed

MIKHAIL GORBACHEV'S policies of "perestroika" and "glasnost" entail more cultural exchanges between Moscow and other countries of the world, according to Sergei V. Strashnikov of the Soviet Ministry of Culture.

Strashnikov, who is in Kuwait with the 35-member Bolshoi and Lithuanian dance troupe, told a news conference on Thursday night that the policies of "openness" and "reform" will reflect on cultural activities.

"We believe that any national culture cannot develop in isolation; interdependence is essential for the growth of world culture," he said.

"Isolation is bad, that's why we are in Kuwait," he added. Top Soviet ballet stars Nadezhda Pavlova, Viktor Barikin, Andrei Knadrov were also present at the press conference.

Pavlova, who recently danced for the film "Bluebird" said she prefers dancing on stage because there is "more freedom of expression." Barikin recently performed in the US.

The dancers yesterday rehearsed for the show at the Indian Arts Circle. Regular, disciplined four to five hours of practice is what makes them the leading ballet groups, they claimed.

The performers will dance

Tchaikovsky's Adagio from the ballet Swan Lake; C. Pugni Pas de Deux from The Festival in Venice; L. Herold, a piece from La File Mal Garde and a variation from Carmen Suite.

Pavlova and Barikin will dance Grand Pas from Don Quixote; Melodia; and Kondratov and Glebova will dance "Le Corsaire".

The ballet troupe, on their first Gulf tour, will also perform in Abu Dhabi, Al Ain, Dubai and Muscat.

The Kuwait shows have generated much excitement among the citizens and expatriates, with many having to line up for over 30 minutes at the Andalus box office to get seats for one of the two nights of the show.



Some of the ballet stars at a press conference held at the Kuwait Plaza Hotel.

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Practical experience in landscape and gardens design and implementation (through knowledge of specifications, contracts and supervision of contracts in desert/arid climate).

3. Greenbelts Forestry Specialist (Range Forestry):

Qualifications:

M.Sc., in Greenbelts or Shelterbelts or Agro-Forestry.
Post Graduate Training for Desert Climate.

Experience:

Practical experience in Greenbelts. (Establishment, Protection, Design and Maintenance).

4. Ornamental Horticulturist:

Qualification:

M.Sc., in Ornamental Horticulture, Post-Graduate Training in Arid and Desert lands.

Experience:

Practical experience in the management, development and maintenance of ornamental plants in gardens, open spaces and streetscapes. Special skill in plant pest control and plant diseases.

5. Arboriculturist:

Qualification:

M.Sc., in Arboriculture or Urban Forestry, formal training in Arboriculture development, planning and landscape management.

Experience:

Practical experience in Arboriculture for highways, roads, in desert climate.

6. Draftsman:

Qualification:

Diploma in Draftsmanship.

Experience:

Experience in gardens and landscape drawings.

7. Executive Secretary:

Qualification:

- Bachelor's degree in Business Administration or similar specification or Secretary Diploma.
- Excellent command of Arabic & English language.
- Working knowledge with Personal Computers, Shorthand and Typing.

8. Computer Analyst:

Qualification:

Bachelors (in Computers).

Experience:

7 years' practical experience.

P.S. 1) Applicants for 6, 7 & 8 should have excellent command of Arabic and English languages.

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TV CORNER

KTV ignores Pakistan elections

KUWAIT Television ignored the news of Pakistan's National Assembly elections on Wednesday and Thursday. This disappointed the Pakistani and Asian expatriates eagerly waiting for the outcome of one of the most interesting developments on the Asian sub-continent.

Neither the 8 o'clock news nor the News in Brief on Thursday carried any news of the elections. Many viewers could not comprehend the total disregard for such an important event because Bahrain and other Gulf TV networks gave due coverage on both the days.

KTV 2, however, broadcast Pakistan election news yesterday.

This week on KTV 2

SUNDAY

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| 6.00 | Holy Quran | 9.30 | departure. Easy Street: "Are We?" |
| 6.10 | Thundercats: cartoons | Eleanor's husband | refuses to take orders. |
| 6.30 | Fast Forward: a look at anti-theft devices. | Starring: Loni Anderson. | |
| 7.00 | Steel Riders: Lee and Mike identify Mr Biggs but they still need proof. | 10.00 | Secrets and Mysteries: examines the Pearl Harbour attack during World War II. |
| 7.30 | Challenge: "Antarctic". A look at mammals in the region. | 10.30 | Joe Wilson: a drug addict reforms after a chance meeting with a girl. |
| 8.00 | News in English | 11.30 | News Summary |
| 8.40 | The Flying Doctors: there is a crisis when the doctor is injured in an accident. | 11.40 | Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown |

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| 9.30 | Hoopermania: Harry Hünnerman becomes interested in the life of a small-time crook after he turns state witness. | WEDNESDAY | |
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| 10.00 | She is the Sheriff: Hilda is cheated. Starring: Suzanne Sommers. | 6.00 | Holy Quran |
| 10.30 | Best-Seller: "The Windmill of the Gods". Based on Sidney Sheldon's best-seller. Starring: Jaclyn Smith, Robert Wagner. | 6.10 | My Pet Monster: cartoon serial |
| 11.30 | News in Brief | 6.30 | Wonderstruck: telephone contact in outer-space, a look at a mechanical arm; and how paper is produced. |

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| 11.40 | Magazine D'Actualite/ Holy Quran/Closedown | 7.00 | Pals: Oscar and Sammy go on another new adventure. |
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| MONDAY | 6.00 | Holy Quran | 7.30 | Growing Pains: family show. |
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| 6.10 | Bionic Six: cartoons | 8.00 | News in English |
| 6.30 | The Friends of My Friends: "Children of Highway": A look at the life of two Pakistani children who work for truck drivers. | 8.40 | Probe: James and Castle solve a case of mistaken identity. |

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| 7.00 | Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news. | 9.30 | A Secret World: a look at wolves, a symbol of evil in some societies. |
| 7.30 | Out of This World: "Boy Crazy". Evie meets a rock singer and Donna objects to their relationship. | 10.00 | What's Happening Now: Chilis is invaded by a group of miscreants |

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| 7.30 | News in English | 10.30 | Fortune Dame: "Bay City". |
| 8.00 | Miami Vice: "Child's Play". Crockett is disengaged after accidentally shoots a 13-year-old. Starring: Don Johnson. | 11.30 | News Summary |

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| 8.40 | In Search Of: "UFO Captives..." interviews with people who claim they have seen aliens or unidentified flying objects. | 11.40 | Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown |
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| 9.30 | You Can't Take It With You: "Late... Mr.". A computer error causes panic. Starring: Harry Morgan. Comedy. | THURSDAY | |
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| 10.00 | Jake and the Fatman: "The Men I Love". Nancy plans a marriage of convenience. Starring: William Conrad and E. Penny. | 6.00 | Holy Quran |
| 10.30 | In Search Of: "UFO Captives..." interviews with people who claim they have seen aliens or unidentified flying objects. | 6.10 | Mask: cartoons |

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| 11.30 | News Summary | 6.30 | Session -- Street: a programme for young viewers. |
| 11.40 | Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown | 7.00 | Mac and Mandy |

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| MONDAY | 6.00 | Holy Quran | 8.00 | News in English |
| 6.10 | Dinosaurs: children's serial | 8.40 | The Highwayman | |

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| 6.30 | Professor Poosangal: children's serial | 9.30 | The Cosy Show: Spectacular Sports, Bloopers and Fabulous Foul. |
| 7.00 | Discoveries Underwater: "Science, Salvage nr..." | 10.00 | Late Night Movie: "The Quick and the Dead". |

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| 8.00 | News in English | 12.00 | News in brief |
| 8.40 | Five Mile Creek: Maggie is perturbed after her fugitive husband's | 12.10 | Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown |

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| 9.00 | Weekend: fourth season of the local English language programme. | FRIDAY | |
| 9.30 | Diamonds: "The Case". | 4.00 | Holy Quran |

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| 10.30 | Diamonds: "The Case". | 4.10 | Silver Hawk: cartoons |
| 11.30 | News in Brief | 4.30 | Italian Football |

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| 11.40 | Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown | 5.30 | Walt Disney Film: "Hero". |
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| TUESDAY | 6.00 | Holy Quran | 7.00 | Star Trek: the Enterprise has engine trouble... |
| 6.10 | Dinosaurs: children's serial | 8.00 | News in English | |

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| 6.30 | Professor Poosangal: children's serial | 8.30 | Breaking Away |
| 7.00 | Discoveries Underwater: "Science, Salvage nr..." | 8.40 | Big League Soccer: Brian Moore presents highlights of English League football. |

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| 10.00 | News in English | 11.00 | Dars Khussusi: daily Arabic serial, starring Suad Abdul |
| 10.30 | News in English | 11.30 | News Summary |

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

MORNING

9.00 Holy Quran

9.10 Good Morning

9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar: cartoon serial

9.45 World News via Satellite

10.00 Qulob Al Baidah: Arabic serial. Starring: Anwar Ismail, Hala Sudqi, Ahmad Marae

10.45 Good Morning

11.00 Dars Khussusi: daily Arabic serial, starring Suad Abdul

11.30 News Summary

1.05 Holy Quran/Closedown



Stephanie Zimballi stars in tonight's film 'Celebration Family' on KTV 2

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran

6.12 My Little Pony: cartoons

6.44 Short Stories: the story of two children caught in a storm in a jungle

7.00 The Survival Factor: wildlife

7.30 Life with Lucy: "Lucy is a SAX Symbol." Lucy comes across her saxophone and falls in love with it.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

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Letters of a master poet

A revealing glimpse of the early T.S. Eliot

By Thomas D'Evelyn

The Letters of T.S. Eliot, Vol. I, 1898-1922, edited by Valerie Eliot. San Diego: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich. 639 pp. \$29.95.

The voice of the first volume of T.S. Eliot's letters is not Possum or the Aged Eagle — his later masks — but young, conscientious Thomas (Tom) Stearns Eliot of St Louis.

Grandson of William Greenleaf Eliot, a Unitarian minister whose widely acclaimed devotion to good works included tireless but prudent opposition to slavery, young Eliot studies philosophy in Cambridge, Mass.; Paris and Oxford, but decides not to pursue it; his Harvard thesis is accepted in June 1916; his compatriot in exile Ezra Pound influences him toward literature. Eliot's marriage to Vivien Haigh-Wood in 1915 is as sudden as his emergence as a modern poet with "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock"; Vivien is often ill with nervous disorders. He toils as a foreign loans clerk about having no time and less energy for literature. Pound helps him write "The Waste Land." His book of criticism, "The Sacred Wood," receives mixed reviews. He has a breakdown in 1921, as both "The Waste Land" and his magazine, *The Criterion*, take shape.

Conversion

Most of his early letters are to his mother, whom he misses dreadfully. Charlotte C. Eliot was a formidable woman. A writer (though she recognized early that her son had more talent), she exchanged volumes with Bertrand Russell, an older friend of Tom's. In return for her biography of her father-in-law, Russell sent a copy of his "Philosophical Essays," "though I fear most of them are rather uninteresting."

By Dec. 31, 1922 — the date of the last letter included in this volume and five years before his conversion to Anglo-Catholicism — Eliot had begun to establish himself as the literary dictator for the Anglo-Saxon



T.S. Eliot: 'Dr Johnson of the Jazz Age'

world, the Dr Johnson of the Jazz Age. In his critical prose, Eliot became the editorial "we" of a generation. He stressed the impersonal nature of art. In his semi-criticism, he managed, for a time, to balance the claims of originality and tradition. He could be both squeamish and eloquent, as when he said that "the creation of a work of art is like some other forms of creation, a painful and unpleasant business; it is a sacrifice of the man to the work, it is a kind of death."

The letters reveal the "I" behind the "we." Elegantly modest, luxuriously austere, and suavely imprecise as a public man, in the privacy of his correspondence Eliot is vulnerable, direct, proud. He writes that James Joyce, whom he admired greatly, "is a quiet but rather dogmatic man, and has (as I am convinced most superior persons have) a sense

of his own importance."

Attacked in print, Eliot would strike back: He writes to his mother that one reviewer is "an utter nonentity; his own literary criticism is wholly worthless, ... Eliot reflects his own ambition when he writes about another American abroad: "getting recognised in English letters is like breaking open a safe — for an American, ... only about three (have) ever done it."

In his 20s and 30s Eliot was pre-occupied with making a living and keeping his wife comfortable. On Sept. 13, 1920, he wrote to his brother: "I do not think I shall ever have time to write a letter worth anyone's keeping. As the world becomes worse to live in, every month, so the minutiae of existence seem to consume more time and energy, so many of the processes that were formerly almost automatic now demand the thought of a Field-Marshal planning a campaign."

Eliot's second wife has suggested that Eliot never loved his first wife. Never is a hard word. Vivien had a history of depression and mood swings; he cared for her deeply and long. He wrote to a friend, "Have you ever been in such incessant and extreme pain that you feel your sanity going, and that you no longer knew reality from delusion? That's the way she is." His marriage to her schooled him in the stoic virtues of humanity.

Concluding her brief "Introduction" to this volume, Valerie Eliot quotes her husband on his first marriage: "To her the marriage brought no happiness ... to me, it brought the state of mind out of which came 'The Waste Land.' Whatever its genesis, 'The Waste Land' struck like lightning over the darkened, Dickensian, apathetic city. Its sudden illumination proved blinding to many poets who thereafter tried to catch the effect in their own words. Its babbles of voices and shrieks (sometimes said to echo his wife's agonies) created a new sound that gave identity to an age of anxiety."

Eliot would live another 43 years, but at age 34 he had

accomplished most of what he would be remembered by. He left the bank and for 30 years helped Faber become a leading publisher of modern writers. He was an original. Perhaps, as C.H. Sisson says, his great achievement was in "the razor-cut of the verse, in its wit and rhythm." These jazzy, fragmented rhythms depend on Eliot's sceptical cast of mind; the rhythms of the later champion of orthodoxy are limp and rather vague. The early, immenseness of "The Waste Land" seemed to say to true readers that to write truly about this confused age one must confuse one's readers.

Great letters turn on great friendships. Eliot hadn't any really close friends in his early years. The intimate note that makes one heart out of two is missing.

Pleasures

The pleasures afforded by these letters are of a special sort, as when he writes to his mother in February of 1920: "It is beautiful weather again, we have no winter yet, all the bushes and shrubs are out in bud, and will probably be nipped later. I think I shall consult a specialist about my nose." In cartoon and photograph, Eliot's aquiline nose would become world famous; it stood for his fastidious, discriminating, somewhat supercilious nature. Perhaps it belied his humanity.

Eliot's humanity is a big, complex subject, as the recent queries about his view of Jews suggests. In the letters, one finds prickly phrasing about just about everybody. Returning to the early verse, one still smarts at the "razor-cut" of the rhythms. Reading his early critical prose, one still pauses where he pauses.

Not satisfied with the image of him to be gotten from the widely successful stage version of "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats," the reader can find the real Eliot in these letters. It's always best to start with the real, as young Eliot so fully demonstrated in art and life.

1988, *The Christian Science Monitor*.

Hollywood's darling sets the record straight

By Ivor Davis

ANAHEIM, Calif.: There was a dark side to the squeaky-clean life of Shirley Temple. And for the first time the world's most famous child star talks about her long career as Hollywood's darling in a blunt and honest autobiography. *Child Star* (McGraw-Hill), which is to be published this month.

Shirley Temple Black's career started in 1931 when she was 3. At 5 she was a star who would go on to make 35 movies and win a special Academy Award in 1934 "in grateful recognition of her outstanding contribution to screen entertainment." At 13 she was called a has-been.

In the book Black tells of her first job interview at MGM, where other child stars such as Judy Garland and Elizabeth Taylor grew up, during which a producer confronted her in his office half naked.

She writes of directors who exploited her and abused other child actors by locking them in a soundproof wooden box. Despite her popularity, the world over she received numerous death and kidnapping threats, and when she was 10 a woman pointed a gun at her as she sang live on radio with the late Nelson Eddy.

Black tells about her disastrous, short-lived first marriage to actor John Agar Jr. (1945-49), about her role models — Amelia Earhart and Eleanor Roosevelt — and the "major crush in her life," FBI director J. Edgar Hoover.

Her memoir, which took eight years to complete, was written in self-defense, says Black. "There have been about 12 books written about me — another is due out later this year — but most of them are warmed-over, third-hand material based on the thousands of interviews I've given. I know it sounds like a celebrity cliché, but I wrote this book for my family. And punch him out. But she didn't. She said, 'Well, you want to hear what almost happened to me?' Mayer had her sit on the couch with him and said, 'You shouldn't just be Shirley's mother ... you should be a big star.' So both of us flunked our first day at MGM."

Are there villains in her book?

"I don't think villain is the right word," she says. "I waited until now to write it, so I wouldn't inflame people who are now dead. But doesn't every life have villains?"

During the peak of her career Black says she received death and extortion threats, which were bushed up because studio executives were worried they would trigger new ones. Then there was the night a woman pointed a gun at her in a packed recording studio at CBS in Hollywood.

"Earlier I had looked out of the dressing room and seen a woman with a mean look on her face. I told mother, who called the police and FBI because the woman looked so angry and was shaking her fist at me," she says. "Later, I'm onstage singing 'Someday You'll Find Your Bluebird.' She was about 12 feet away in the front row and pulled out a gun and pointed it at me. The police and

SHIRLEY TEMPLE BLACK
AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY
McGraw-Hill

Shirley Temple: at five she was a star, at thirteen a has-been



Temple today: a foreign affairs officer at the State Department

ing into the wall. We were tipped out but didn't get hurt except for a few sore spots.

"They took a lot of chances with children," she says. "They kept the mothers hidden in another room. In one film, which was a take off on 'Tarzan,' a lot of black boys were supposed to run down a path and fall down. The director strung a wire across the path so when the boys ran down the road they would trip. Some of them were cut and bleeding and they all cried. I cried when I saw them hurt. The place was full of crying children."

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A lot of people in trench coats and hats came down the aisle, picked her up by the elbows and carried her out. I later learned that she wanted to destroy me because her baby had been born dead and she thought I had taken the child's place. The woman thought I was born in 1929, but I was born in 1928: the studio had taken one year off my age."

Treated

Black says that some child actors were treated badly and placed in dangerous situations. "I was involved with a runaway ostrich when I was 3 years old," she says. "My co-star was a boy named George Smith and we were sitting in a surrey, which was to be pulled by an ostrich. George held the reins and I held George. They had a black bag over the ostrich's head, but when they took off the hood the ostrich took off, knocking down scenery and finally crash-

ed."

Child Star covers Black's life from childhood to 1954. "I think I've got another book in me," she says.

Meanwhile, Black still receives film scripts. "I got one the other day and called the writer immediately to say no thanks. I think the character he wanted me to play was supposed to be senile. It didn't appeal to me. That's coming anyway," she says, laughing. "And I can wait ... I don't want to hurry it along."

A guide to creative divorce

By Dean Lokken



SAN FRANCISCO (Reuter): Divorce can be creative, said Mel Krantzler, co-author of a new how-to book, *Divorcing*.

"My attitude toward divorce is to get it over with as fast as you can," said the other author, Melvin Belli, flamboyant 81-year-old San Francisco lawyer known around the world for sensational civil cases ranging from the Bhopal gas tragedy to airline disasters.

The two were talking in Belli's law office about the book they have collaborated on, which they call a one-stop guide to divorce.

Belli wrote on the legalities of splitting up. Krantzler, a California psychologist who began beating the drum for the positive side of divorce in the early 1970s, wrote advice on how the parties of a dead-end marriage can survive its breakup.

"Rule number one is to get a good lawyer and let your lawyer handle it," Belli said.

He added: "I give a lot of advice in the book I wish I'd followed myself."

Belli, who got his start 50

years ago defending prisoners on death row, is known internationally as the first US lawyer to file suit against Union Carbide after toxic fumes leaked from its pesticide plant in Bhopal, India killing 3,000.

He has also represented families of passengers killed in plane disasters, and his current cases include a suit filed against

ex-Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos on behalf of several former political prisoners.

With a reputation for winning big damage awards, his clients have included everyone from Mae West to the Rolling Stones. An old hand at divorce, he handled the break-up of Rita Hayworth.

QUESTION: I'm confused. My doctor told me I have temper arthritis, and I worry all the time. What is this disease, and what kind of treatments are available? What should I do? Please help.

ANSWER: I'll try. First let us straighten out the name of your affliction. It is "temporal arteritis" and has nothing to do with either your temper or arthritis. It is a chronic, generalized disease that affects arteries that branch off the main artery (or aorta).

It's seen most often in the arteries that pass to the temples and back of our head. It occurs after the age of 50 and is found even more frequently in patients over the age of 80. No one really knows its exact cause, but many physicians believe that an autoimmune reaction is involved.

It can start with a flu-like symptoms, such as low-grade fever, aches and pains, weakness and loss of appetite. There usually is a typical headache, severe and throbbing in the area of the temple, and the artery itself may be tender to the touch. About half the patient experience eye troubles, and 40 percent have a loss of vision.

Treatment should start at once to prevent

ARTERY AILMENT, NOT ARTHRITIS, IS READER'S PROBLEM

permanent damage. Your physician has probably already given you either an injection or prescription for a corticosteroid (cortisone-like medicine), which you must take regularly from to four weeks.

A laboratory test called a sed rate will be used to monitor the effects of the medicine, and the progress of the disease. Although the results of this test are high in the beginning, the findings will become lower as the disease is controlled, and medication dosage will be gradually reduced over time.

Your physician will keep checking you on a regular basis, and you must follow all instructions carefully, not just because he says so, but because it is best for you.

And your worries may disappear along with your symptoms as the medicine takes effect and you feel better.

QUESTION: If antibiotics are so effective, they should be capable of destroying all the germs responsible for disease. Why hasn't penicillin wiped out all pneumonia?

ANSWER: Although the penicillin

antibiotics are effective against many forms of pneumonia, they won't treat them all. Before antibiotics were invented, almost

all cases of pneumonia were attributed to streptococcal bacteria (*Streptococcus pneumoniae*), which respond well to penicillin. Now, strep pneumonia accounts for only 55 per cent to 76 percent of cases.

Other causes include Legionella (which causes Legionnaire's disease) and mycoplasma, a fungus. An additional problem is that pneumonias that were once susceptible to penicillin antibiotics are growing increasingly resistant.

To diagnose pneumonia, a physician tests a sample of a sputum coughed from the lungs. Many physicians treat most pneumonia cases empirically, that is, they administer an antibiotic such as penicillin to kill the most likely causes before they get back the test results. If the first antibiotic doesn't work, then the test results are used to help choose a more specific or stronger antibiotic.

Despite research efforts to discover new and more effective antibiotics, I doubt that the day will ever arrive when a single medication will eradicate an infectious disease. Prevention is the name of the game.

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Kafka gaining approval in Prague

PRAGUE. Czechoslovakia (AP): Czechoslovakia's government will publish some of Franz Kafka's works and correspondence, a cultural weekly publications says.

The magazine Kmen, organ of the official union of Czech writers, said part of Kafka's correspondence was purchased from a second-hand bookshop in Prague two years ago.

Among the stories to be published are his last completed novel *The Castle* published in 1926, and *America* which came out in 1927, the magazine said.

Acclaimed

Kafka's works are highly acclaimed in the West but have been barely acknowledged in Prague, where he was born in 1883. His works were rejected for what was described as "morbid pessimism" and "alienation," and the communists allowed both the 100th anniversary of Kafka's birth and the 60th anniversary of his death to pass with little fanfare in the 1980s.

The intellectual flowering of the mid-1960s led to the construction of Prague's only public memorial to Kafka near the street where he lived.

Kmen described Kafka as an integral part of Prague literary scene. "Today's remembrance of Kafka is not an act of piety or strategy but a fact of a simple refreshment of cultural memory," it said.

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"I'M GETTING bored being compared to Madonna, you know," said Gloria Estefan from the corner of a sofa in her Mayfair Hotel suite.

Gloria is 31 years old, very slim, and sleek, exercised, manicured, golden curled singing star who has become America's latest teen-queen.

She sings and writes for her husband Emilio's band, The Miami Sound Machine.

A long list of US singles hits and international sell-out concerts have established Gloria and her fellow Cuban/Americans as the most famous Latin popstars in the world.

And whether Glorious Gloria likes it or not, she is being tagged with the New Madonna label.

The new girl idol, a fresh role model for the latest generation of wannabees.

Kind

"But I am very different from Madonna. And I think the parents who bring their daughters to our concerts are grateful for that."

What she means, and what she is too kind to say, is that her image is not that of the sexy, sultry, hard girl.

"I am happily married with an eight-year-old son. I've never tried to hide my age or my husband."



Gloria Estefan of the Miami Sound Machine: A fresh role model for the 'wannabees'.

became obsessed with diet and exercise. "I wasn't anorexic. I would not have come this far or looked this good. He's the one who pushed. When I didn't think I could get up on a stage, he made me."

"If you had met me 13 years ago when I was at university, you would have seen a shy, plump girl with glasses and no confidence."

The shy, plump Gloria also went through a stage where she

her flat-hard stomach. Although the accent is American, the personality, and the warm brown eyes are decidedly Latin.

It's the Cuban background that ensures she will never feel financially secure or confident about success.

"How can I?" she asked. "My family lost everything during the revolution. We left Cuba with nothing when I was

a baby. Sure, now we have money. I could walk round the corner here in London and buy a dozen Rolls Royces. But I don't."

Image
The band's success so impressed President Reagan after he saw them in Miami that he invited them to perform at a gala dinner in the White House. Even the mayor of Miami has changed the name of the street

Gloria lived in to Miami Sound Boulevard.

"I guess after the *Miami Vice* drug and violence image they are grateful to us since we have such a wholesome reputation."

"The band is very family orientated. We don't do drugs, or break up hotel rooms. Our music is slick, fast dancing music. It's fun. Fans make conga lines during our concerts because you just cannot sit still to a Latin beat."

Their world tour which ended last month stretched from Costa Rica to the Olympic opening ceremony in Seoul.

The Miami Sound Machine and Gloria returned to Miami as folk heroes. The children of those embattled Cuban immigrants had proved you can reach the top without the stench of the Cuban cocaine Mafia.

Those cocaine barons have left us alone," said Gloria. "But the fear of drugs is always there."

Crack

"My son, Nayib, found a packet of cocaine in the park next to the school playground. It's such a pity that you have to sit down with an eight-year-old boy and explain what cocaine, crack and grass look like and what they do to you."

Who would have thought that a successor to the self-styled boy toy, Madonna, would be a cosily married Miami Mamma?

As for the country and western singles, I'll Leave This World Loving You by Ricky van Shelton took over the top of the Cash Box magazine chart.

Escape Club tops US record charts

NEW YORK. (AP) The Escape Club's Wild Wild West reached the top of the single pop record charts in the United States, kicking the Beach Boys' 2-week-old spotlight star Kokomo to fourth place.

"Bad Medicine" by Bon Jovi moved up a note to second place and U2's Desire bopped from fifth to third position on the Cash Box magazine chart.

Fifth was Kissing a Fool by George Michael, Advancing three points, and Breathless How Can I Fall took sixth spot, also moving up three steps.

Loco-Motion by Kylie Minogue plunged four down in eighth place, while Freebird Medley I Love You Way jumped three steps to capture seventh position.

There were two newcomers to the list: Chicago's Linnin Away went from 12th to ninth place, and I Don't Want Your Love by Duran Duran captured spot number 10 after being 14th last week.

As for the country and western singles, I'll Leave This World Loving You by Ricky van Shelton took over the top of the Cash Box magazine chart.

US Top Ten

The top 10 pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets.

1. (2) Wild, Wild West — The Escape Club (Atlantic).

2. (3) Bad Medicine — Bon Jovi (Mercury-Polygram).

3. (5) Desire — U2 (Island).

4. (1) Kokomo — The Beach Boys (Elektra).

5. (6) Kissing a Fool — George Michael (Columbia).

6. (9) How Can I Fall — Breathless (A-and-M).

7. (10) Baby, I Love You Way — Freebird Medley (Free Baby).

8. (4) The Loco-Motion — Kylie Minogue (Geffen).

9. (12) Linnin' Away — Chris De Burgh (Reprise).

10. (14) I Don't Want Your Love — Duran Duran (Capitol).

The top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's position in brackets.

1. (3) Runaway Train — Rnsanne Cash (Columbia).

2. (1) A Tender Lie — Restless Heart (RCA).

3. In London, American singer Robin Beck's First Time moved up from third spot to the British pop singles chart.

Girl You Know It's True by Milli Vanilli, the Franco-German male duo, was bumped down to second spot.

UK Top Ten

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in parentheses.

1. (3) First Time — Robbie Beck (Mercury).

2. (1) Girl You Know It's True — Milli Vanilli (Good Tempo).

3. (5) She Makes My Day — Robert Palmer (EMI).

4. (4) Stand Up For Your Love Rights — Yazoo (Epic Life).

5. (2) Orinoco Flow — Enya (WEA).

6. (14) Need You Tonight — INXS (Mercury).

7. (19) Missing You — Chris De Burgh (A-and-M).

8. (6) Je Ne Sais Pourquoi — Kylie Minogue (PWL).

9. (9) Real Gone Kid — Deacon Blue (CBS).

10. (11) I-2-3 — Gloria Estefan and Miami Sound Machine (Epic).

By Laurie Ludwick

'Get your gums off my poppadums'

Sing, Elvis Singh

my fingers and thumbs, get your gums off my poppadums."

Tasty

Grabbing a sitar, he continues: "Well go ahead punkawallah make my day, two tasty flavours will blow you away, they rattle and they roll all over your tongue, so get your gums off my poppadums."

Since the advert was screened in Birmingham a fortnight ago, the company has been flooded with calls from people raving about the new Elvis.

And this week the Elvis Presley Society — which usually scorns such copycat promotions — requested

several tapes of the commercial to show to its members.

The advert has also been a big hit with the Asian community in the UK. Puneet, 20, who beat 50 other actors to win the part, said: "I'm very proud of it. I am a Sikh, and tired of the standard stereotypes of Asians as either shop owners or illegal immigrants. There's nothing offensive about it. It's actually good for Sikhs."

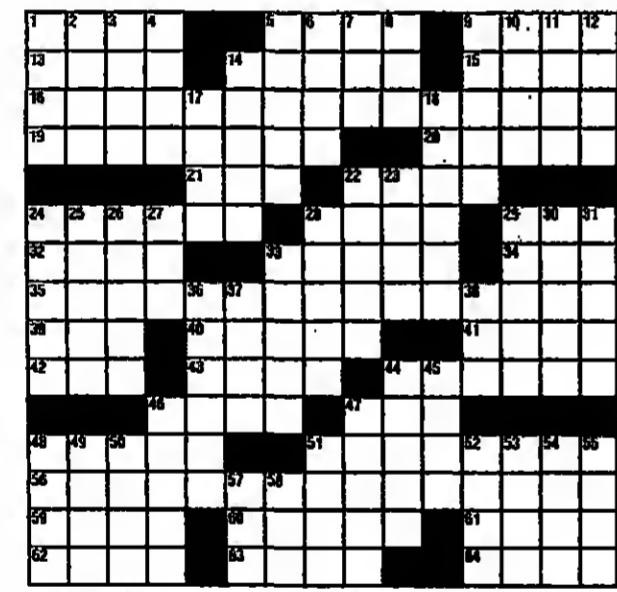
"It shows that we have a great sense of humour and can be as over the top as anybody else."

The idea of a singing Sikh is based on Peter Singh, a South Wales fish and chips shop owner who is famous for his Presley impressions.



Elvis impersonator Puneet Singh Sira with sari-clad backing singers.

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- 35 1988 best-seller by Rosamunde Pilcher
- 39 English institution
- 40 "Portrait of" —
- 41 Edward's sister
- 42 Great aching
- 43 Lean and sinewy
- 44 Sunglasses, to some
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- 47 Ingested
- 48 Musical "very"
- 51 Vax
- 56 1988 best-seller by La Iacocca
- 59 Small buffalo of Celebes
- 60 Ol a cereal
- 61 Sharp
- 62 At no time, poetically
- 63 Crossword diagram

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦QJ6 ♦AJ9 ♦AK105

The bidding has proceeded:

West North East South

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦K6 ♦AJ9 ♦AK1063 ♦AK65

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦K6 ♦AJ9 ♦AK1063 ♦AK65

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦7 ♦AJ9 ♦KQ1063 ♦AK65

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦7 ♦AJ9 ♦KQ1063 ♦AK65

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦QJ7 ♦KQJ8 ♦Q1062 ♦76

Partner opens the bidding with one club. What do you respond?

Q.7—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦7 ♦AJ9 ♦KQ1063 ♦AK65

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

Q.8—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦QJ7 ♦KQJ8 ♦Q1062 ♦76

Partner opens the bidding with one club. What do you respond?

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Kann named publisher of Wall Street Journal

NEW YORK, Nov 18. (AP): Peter R. Kann has been named publisher of the Wall Street Journal, the business newspaper's parent company announced yesterday.

Dow Jones and Co. Inc. said that Kann, an associate publisher of the Journal since 1979, will replace Warren H. Phillips as publisher. Phillips will continue as chairman and chief executive of Dow Jones.

Kann, 45, will assume his new post effective Jan. 1.

In addition, Kann is being appointed editorial director of Dow Jones' publications, a position which Phillips has held since early 1971. Kann also will continue as one of two executive vice-presidents of Dow Jones. The other, William L. Dunn, is publisher of the company's Information Services Group.

Kann, who joined the journal as a reporter when he graduated from Harvard in 1964, was a correspondent in Vietnam and the founding editor and publisher of the Asian Wall Street Journal. He won a Pulitzer prize for international reporting in 1972.

NIC to create over 7,000 new jobs

Riyadh, Nov 18. (OPECNA): Saudi Arabia's National Industrialisation Company (NIC) will create over 7,000 new jobs by 1990 by investing \$1.52 billion in 100 projects.

NIC chairman Dr. Mahsoun Rahim Jalal, in a foreword to the company's 1987 report, disclosed that 23 projects were either operational or under implementation.

According to the Saudi Press Agency, Jalal said total NIC assets last year rose to \$96.03 million, while owners' equity increased to \$0.40 million.

Projects

Total funds invested by the end of 1987 amounted to \$47.42 million, 36 million of which was allocated for investment projects in 1988, said the report.

Jalal pointed out that due to the fact that a large portion of the company's paid-up capital had been invested in long-term industrial projects, revenue from liquidity management had fallen in 1987.

However, he said that the company had made a profit of \$2.14 million on certain industrial projects while keeping expenditure to the previous year's level.

On another matter, Reagan, in

Fed chief warns against borrowing from abroad

Bush vows to tackle budget deficit

WASHINGTON, Nov 18. (Agencies): President-elect George Bush vowed yesterday to tackle the federal budget deficit once he is inaugurated.

"We need to do something about it, and when I get into office we will do something about it," he said.

Bush told a news conference that he agreed with Federal Reserve Board chairman Alan Greenspan that the budget deficit is a matter for concern.

The financial markets have been falling since Bush's election due to concerns over the huge deficit.

Greenspan on Wednesday told the National Economic Commission, a bipartisan panel responsible for recommending ways to reduce the federal red ink, that "such large and persistent deficits are slowly but inexorably damaging the economy."

Increases

The federal budget gap totalled \$15.5 billion in fiscal year 1988 and is expected to top \$14.5 billion in the current fiscal year, which began on October 1. Many economists believe that tax increases, as well as spending cuts, will be needed to reduce the

deficit.

Earlier on Thursday, Bush's transition spokeswoman said that the market's decline was not due to Bush's refusal to raise taxes.

"I think it's just that traditional nervousness with change," the spokeswoman, Sheila Tate, said of the markets during a television interview.

Comments

She disparaged Greenspan's comments when told they seemed to suggest he would not oppose raising taxes as a last resort. "Economists never agree on anything," she said.

Greenspan on Wednesday offered no specific proposals for reducing the deficit. But he said lawmakers should emphasise spending cuts rather than tax increases. "We are more likely to be successful on the expenditure side than on the revenue side," he said.

In prior testimony to Congress, Greenspan recommended an increase in the gasoline tax.

Bush's economic adviser, Stanford University economic Professor Michael Boskin, said on Thursday that the federal budget could be balanced by

1993 with tight spending control and trimming of budget growth.

"The budget is projected to grow by a third of a trillion dollars over the next several years. If we can trim that growth to a smaller sum, we can get to a balanced budget in the time frame by fiscal 1993, give or take a year," Boskin said in a television interview.

Bush, who has already reappointed Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, said at his news conference that he would probably announce his choice for budget director before long. "I want to get our economic team in place," he said.

Former Deputy Treasury Secretary Richard Darman was widely expected to head the budget office.

Meanwhile, Greenspan has warned that Americans cannot rely indefinitely on money borrowed from abroad to finance the US budget deficit.

"I want to stress that the long-run is rapidly turning into the short-run," Greenspan told the National Economic Commission, suggesting that critical decisions on the deficit must be made soon.

"The existing data ... indicate that total net private and public investment, as a share of gross domestic product over the period

between 1980 and 1986, was lower (in the United States) than in any of the other industrial countries except the United Kingdom," he said.

Robert Z. Lawrence of the Brookings Institution, a leading public study group on public policy, calculated that investment per US worker grew by only 0.6 per cent between 1980 and 1987. The US National Science Board says that both Japan and West Germany are increasing their investment in research and development faster than the United States.

Greenspan pointed out that while other major governments have run budget deficits in recent years, they have raised by government deficits ... he said.

"In contrast, over half of private US private saving has been absorbed by the combined deficits of the federal and state and local sectors."

Investment

He explained that the reliance on savings to meet the US government deficit reduced the amount left for investment in the goods that create wealth for the future, such as schools, roads and factories.

"The existing data ... indicate that total net private and public investment, as a share of gross domestic product over the period

Egypt cuts oil prices

Ras Ghareb, Egypt reviews export prices every fortnight. The oil ministry's pricing committee met almost daily in the first half of November but announced no price changes for the period.

Egypt's foreign customers were told that prices for the second half of October remained in effect during the first half of November, the official said.

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Matsushita profits surge

TOKYO, Nov 18. (Reuter): The world's biggest consumer electronics company, Matsushita Electric Industrial, reported sharply higher profits yesterday thanks to a buying spree by Japanese businesses and consumers.

The maker of National and Technics products said net profit for the group climbed 33 per cent in the six months to Sept 30 this year to 104.3 billion yen (\$8.52 million) from 78.4 billion yen (\$6.39 million) in the same period a year ago.

Office automation equipment and air conditioners sold quickly, outstripping last year's sales by 18 per cent.

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Brazil's oil strike threatens to disrupt economy

SAO PAULO, Nov 18. (Reuter): The biggest strike in the history of Brazil's oil industry has paralysed the nation's refineries and closed production platforms, threatening to severely disrupt the economy.

Oil workers began an indefinite pay strike on Friday and the state-controlled oil company Petrobras said yesterday that 90 per cent of its 61,000 employees had stopped work. Company officials said 10 out of the 11 oil refineries were at a standstill.

Production at the country's all-important Campos Basin, responsible for 60 per cent of total oil output, was expected to come to a halt in the next few days.

Officials said two platforms in the basin, located off Rio de Janeiro state, had already stopped working and the other 16 were

likely to stop this week.

"We are on the verge of chaos," said a Petrobras official.

Petrobras is one of the 50 highest companies in the world and is widely regarded as one of the most efficient firms in the big steel industry.

From January to September it exported \$790 million worth of petroleum products. In September the company exported on average 95,000 barrels of petrol per day to the United States. But as of Friday it had suspended all exports.

Mines and Energy Minister Aurelano Chaves said over the weekend the country's stocks of petroleum products would hold out for eight to 10 days.

The national oil stoppage adds to a long list of strikes that have

swept the country in the past few weeks as inflation has edged past 700 per cent a year.

Most strikes have hit the financially strapped government sector, disrupting ministries, public transport, state universities, electricity supplies and steel industry.

At South America's biggest steel plant at Volta Redonda in Rio de Janeiro state three workers died last Wednesday when the army stormed the plant to remove strikers.

On Sunday more than 10,000 mourners attended an emotional memorial service for the three. The tragedy has highlighted growing social tensions in the country.

The strike at the state-owned National Steel Company entered its eighth day on Monday and

Soviet economic reform has little effect, say workers

MOSCOW, Nov 18. (Reuter): More than a third of Soviet industrial workers believe economic reforms introduced over the past year have had no effect, according to a survey published on Wednesday.

The weekly Moscow News said the survey was carried out by the Soviet Sociological Research Institute. It interviewed workers at 120 factories in all types of industry in different parts of the country.

Reforms

"Only 2.7 per cent considered that the reforms had achieved significant success, 42.5 per cent thought it had enjoyed limited success, 34.6 per cent indicated that nothing had been achieved, while 8.8 per cent said things had got worse," the weekly said.

Under the reforms, a key part of Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev's "perestroika" programme for economic, political and social renewal, 60 per cent of Soviet state enterprises became self-accounting and self-financing from Jan 1 this year.

OAPEC to undertake studies of substantive oil and gas issues

VIENNA, Nov 18. (OPECNA): A senior Arab oil expert said on Wednesday that the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) was embarking on studies of substantive issues relating to domestic energy prices and the use of natural gas in Arab countries.

Abdul Aziz Al Wattari, acting OAPEC secretary-general, told OPECNA in an interview that the studies would include one on the integration of the Arab refining system.

Study

He said transnational energy exchanges between Arab countries tended to lack balance as there was "either an excess or a shortage across the frontier," adding "our studies will show the economics of using neighbouring country resources to the advantage of all concerned."

On refining, he said the OAPEC study would demonstrate the benefits accruing from importing oil products from a neighbouring country with excess production instead of

Co-operation

Asked about OAPEC's co-operation with other Arab institutions, he said the organisation was co-ordinating closely with the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development which was conducting a study on the integration of Arab electric power systems to facilitate interconnection of power grids on a regional or sub-regional basis in Africa, the Gulf and between neighbouring Arab states elsewhere.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

International Bond Highlights

Paris — Financial institution Casden-BP is issuing a one billion franc domestic bond in one fixed-rate and three floating-rate tranches, lead manager Banque Monetale et Financier said. (RTZ 1530)

Zurich — Nestle Holding Inc of Delaware, United States, is launching a 300 mln Swiss franc 4-1/2 pct seven-year straight bond priced at 101 pct, lead manager Credit Suisse said (RTZD 1125).

London — Berger Bank A/S is issuing a 100 mln Australian dlrs Eurobond due January 10, 1994 paying 7-1/4 pct and priced at 101-7/8 pct, lead manager IBL International Ltd said. The issue's redemption amount is tied to the Australian dollar/yen foreign exchange rate. (RTZB 1135)

London — Shimizu Europe BV, a unit of Shimizu Corp, is issuing a 50 mln dlrs Eurobond due December 1, 1993 paying 9-3/4 pct and priced at 101-5/8 pct, lead manager Yamaichi International (Europe) Ltd said. (RTYN 1003)

Interest Rates

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| GAR. POLY | 121 | 120 | 117.50 | YELLOO | 767.50 | 770 | 775 | | | |
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| BADENWERK | 180.1 | 180.1 | ASAH G | 1010 | 1010 | 1010 |
| BASF | 273.2 | 270.4 | ASAH OPT | 640 | 659 | 655 |
| BAYER | 295.8 | 292.2 | BANK TOKYO | 1550 | 1560 | 1560 |
| BAYER HYP | 365.0 | 368.0 | BRIDGESTONE | 1280 | 1290 | 1290 |
| BAYER VER | 368.0 | 360.0 | CANON | 1320 | 1350 | 1350 |
| BHF | 329.5 | 324.0 | CASIO CORP | 1300 | 1300 | 1300 |
| BMI | 405.0 | 402.0 | CHUGAI PHM | 1480 | 1500 | 1500 |
| COMMERZBK | 528.7 | 526.0 | CITIZEN W | 818 | 815 | 815 |
| CONTI GUMM | 270.0 | 264.8 | CO-1CHI KAN | 3160 | 3200 | 3200 |
| DAIMER BEN | 744.2 | 739.0 | DAI HIP | 900 | 896 | 885 |
| DEUTSC BANK | 516.5 | 512.0 | DAI NIP PT | 2600 | 2580 | 2580 |
| DLW | 395.0 | 388.0 | DAI HIP SC | 910 | 901 | 901 |
| DRESNER B | 296.5 | 294.5 | DAI HIP TO | 1270 | 1260 | 1260 |
| DU BACCOCK | 158.5 | 158.2 | DAICEL | 790 | 798 | 798 |
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| FELDMEIER | 272.0 | 270.2 | DAIKIN | 1060 | 1060 | 1060 |
| GOLDSCHEID | 336.0 | 338.0 | DAIKIN SEC | 2500 | 2500 | 2500 |
| HARPMER | 411.0 | 424.8 | DAIKIN SEC | 2500 | 2500 | 2500 |
| HOECHST AG | 298.5 | 294.3 | DAIKIN SEC | 2500 | 2500 | 2500 |
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| PREUSSAG | 172.0 | 166.0 | DAIKIN SEC | 2500 | 2500 | 2500 |
| RHEINMETAL | 367.0 | 362.0 | DAIKIN SEC | 2500 | 2500 | 2500 |
| RIE | 238.2 | 237.5 | DAIKIN SEC | 2500 | 2500 | 2500 |
| AME P | 212.5 | 213.0 | DAIKIN SEC | 2500 | 2500 | 2500 |
| SALAMANDER | 286.0 | 287.0 | DAIKIN SEC | 2500 | 2500 | 2500 |
| SCHERING | 576.0 | 573.5 | DAIKIN SEC | 2500 | 2500 | 2500 |
| SEL | 266.0 | 260.0 | DAIKIN SEC | 2500 | 2500 | 2500 |
| SIEMENS | 477.5 | 471.5 | DAIKIN SEC | 2500 | 2500 | 2500 |
| THYSSEN | 181.1 | 178.0 | DAIKIN SEC | 2500 | 2500 | 2500 |
| ARTA | 316.5 | 316.0 | DAIKIN SEC | 2500 | 2500 | 2500 |
| JEBA | 263.0 | 258.0 | DAIKIN SEC | 2500 | 2500 | 2500 |
| IEU | 159.7 | 159.7 | DAIKIN SEC | 2500 | 2500 | 2500 |
| JOHKAGEH | 316.5 | 310.8 | DAIKIN SEC | 2500 | 2500 | 2500 |

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| STOCK | LAST PR-CLOSE | STOCK | LAST PR-CLOSE | FIMBHD | 248 | KILLINGHA | 354 |
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BUSINESS

Domestic monetary and banking development under review

CBK tries to enhance economic activity

DURING the fiscal year 1987/88 the Central Bank of Kuwait has exerted intensive efforts to enhance domestic economic activity and to restore stability to the banking and financial system. These efforts were represented by several procedures, mainly the effective implementation of the "Difficult Credit Facilities Programme," which was announced on August 10, 1986 as a comprehensive scheme offering a suitable solution for this problem.

During 1987 and the first half of 1988 the Kuwaiti banks were able to implement technically the settlement of most of their difficult credit facilities to residents whose financial positions showed deficits. During this period 1007 out of 1083 settlements (93 per cent) already delivered to debtors were authenticated at the Ministry of Justice.

Efforts

The results of implementing this programme reflect the CBK efforts manifested in supervising the settlement process and in ensuring that banks are abiding

by the Programme's rules and regulations. The CBK efforts meant to provide protection for the banking system and enhance confidence in it, while maintaining sound positions for main economic institutions in the country.

During the fiscal year 1987/88, the Central Bank of Kuwait, on behalf of the Ministry of Finance, issued debt instruments by the CBK, on behalf of the Ministry of Finance, amending the discount rate of commercial papers and determining the maximum contractual interest rates on consumer loans. Added to this were CBK efforts to regulate liquidity levels in the banking system, maintain a stable KD exchange rate and other measures regarding its supervision over the banking and financial system, according to CBK annual report.

Instruments

With the issuance of these instruments, the Central Bank of Kuwait was able to realise several monetary objectives,

mainly its possession of a new financial instrument by which it can effectively exercise open market operations and thereby regulate the levels of domestic liquidity.

This instrument can also influence interest rates to maintain stability in the money market and develop the structure of these rates according to the variation in maturity dates of public debt instruments which cover maturities ranging between three months and several years.

It is important to note in this respect that the Central Bank of Kuwait has exerted intensive efforts to use public debt instruments in open market operations. The size of its intervention in the secondary market for treasury bills — buying and selling — during the last three months of the fiscal year 1987/88

totalled KD 623.1 million for 172 transactions, 98 of them (KD 343.5 million) selling transactions, and 74 buying transactions (KD 279.6 million).

Furthermore, these instruments — in addition to other financial instruments — provided the banking and financial institutions and the private sector with new guaranteed investment outlets which will help both the money and capital markets in the country to intensify and develop their activities.

By having public debt instruments, these institutions were provided with good financial instruments giving reasonable yields, to use in managing their monetary flows and thereby diversifying the uses of their financial resources and improving the quality of their investment portfolios.

This was clearly manifested by

the secondary market activity of treasury bills among local banks. Excluding the CBK intervention, the value of trading in that market during the last three months of the fiscal year 1987/88 totalled KD 641.2 million distributed over 402 transactions.

From November 25, 1987, to the end of the fiscal year 1987/88, the Central Bank of Kuwait has offered 16 issues of public debt instruments, totalling KD 2327.51 million; the total value of treasury bills was KD 1703 million (KD 933 million for matured bills), while the total value of treasury bonds was KD 624.51 million.

The balance of public debt instruments as of June 30, 1988 totalled KD 1394.51 million (KD 770 million treasury bills and KD 624.51 million for treasury bonds).

To be continued.

Local banks' total budget increased in September

KUWAIT, Nov 18, (KUNA): The total budget of local banks has increased by KD129 million (one per cent) in September compared to August and reached KD1296 million, a monetary bulletin issued by the Central Bank of Kuwait recently reported.

The bulletin said that money circulation registered a slight retreat of KD23 million (0.5 per cent) in September to KD478 million compared to its level in August.

The retreat was attributed to changes in circulation elements such as the decline in repayable dinar deposits which lost 63 million of its value (2.9 per cent) and the decrease of KD8 million (0.5 per cent) of foreign currencies deposits, deposits' certificates and money in circulation.

Deposits

Kuwait inter-bank offered rates during September went up by varying levels, as deposits repayable within six months maintained their former prices, the Central Bank's bulletin said.

The Central Bank had issued treasury bonds amounted to a value of KD300 million during September. The dinar rate of exchange against the US dollar registered a slight retreat of 0.88 per cent in September below the previous month and American currency was cashed for between 284.97 and 288.50 fils, the bulletin said.

Gold eases

Central banks renew battle for dollar

These would make dollar assets more lucrative buy.

The markets took a negative view of his remarks and the dollar began sliding again.

The renewed intervention took it back above 1.74 marks and 123 yen. Then it eased again, although it held above 1.7350 and around 122.75.

Mixed

Wall Street stocks were mixed in early New York trading with the Dow Jones Industrial Average holding around yesterday closing 2,052. Stock traders kept a wary eye on the gyrating dollar.

In Europe dealers said it was important that the powerful West German Bundesbank, after being effectively out of the market for several months, had finally joined in concerted intervention to prop the dollar.

"Clear support from the Bundesbank will send the dollar up like a homesick angel," said a currency dealer in Frankfurt.

Speculators are terrified of the German central bank which has a reputation for perfectly timed snap deals to burn people who have bet too hard on a currency moving this way or that.

So the market was wary for the second time today after US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady said he was not worried by its weakness and that he saw no sign of higher US interest rates.

Pressure

The dollar has been under pressure since George Bush won the US presidential election on

Nov 8. Investors think he will bave to let it slide to correct America's trade gap and are also worried that he may fail to deal with its other big deficit, the federal budget.

The dollar is perilously close to a historic low against the yen of 120.20 which it touched on Jan 4 and is down about 10 per cent from values against key currencies this summer.

Meanwhile the central bank rescue bid reflects international pledges to stop fluctuations in the world's reserve currency.

According to the New York Times, representatives of US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady and from other leading industrial nations met secretly in Paris on Monday.

It said the meeting at the Louvre Palace offices of France's Finance Ministry led to the central bank interventions. The Bundesbank declined to comment on the report.

Fluctuations

Brady, out to reassure financial markets, said today he was not worried by the dollar and stock market fluctuations.

Dealers estimate the banks have bought at least \$2 billion in the biggest concerted dollar defence since January.

But they say they can't prop it up this way for ever and that president-elect Bush must create confidence in his ability to tackle

America's deficits. The FTSE index of 100 British blue chip at London's midday was barely changed at 1,822.

Stable

Sterling remained stable worth around \$1.8125.

The gold price eased to a London market setting at \$417.75 an ounce, down from 425 earlier this week.

Bullion dealers said the main factor was a weaker oil price which diminished the risk of inflation, against which gold is a favoured hedge.

Crude prices have dropped sharply in the past two days. Spot market traders doubt if OPEC ministers, meeting in Vienna, can end a dispute between Iraq and Iran so as to clinch an accord to cut output and mop up the prevailing glut.

A cargo of typical North Sea Brent crude changed hands of today for \$12 a barrel, down a dollar since Tuesday.

The dollar dipped a little in Europe's early afternoon as the market pondered Treasury Secretary Brady's comment that he was not worried by its weakness and a further remark, that he saw no sign of higher US interest rates. These would make dollar assets a more attractive

Eased

Elsewhere in Asia, Sydney's stock market eased 1.8 points on the Australian All-Ordinaries index to 1,493 but Hong Kong's Hang Seng ended up 12 at 2,581.

In Europe's morning, shares also advanced in Frankfurt and Paris helped by the dollar's partial rebound and a 14-point recovery on Wall Street yesterday after a fall there of nearly 39 on Wednesday.

London stocks turned mixed as the market assessed British economic figures showing inflation in October running at 6.4 per

cent. The FTSE index of 100 British blue chip at London's midday was barely changed at 1,822.



A money broker checks his pay slip after receiving his salary on payday, just after the morning session in Tokyo yesterday. The dollar stabilised in morning trade due to concerted intervention by central banks to keep the currency above 120 yen. (Reuter wirephoto)

We will continue to support Japanese market: Christensen



Kevin Mudd, Tony Mustafa and Andrew Christensen (from left) are shown at the seminar.

1988 HAS been a year of real growth in world economies, according to Andrew Christensen of Hoare Govett stockbrokers.

Although a recession was forecast at the time of the October 1987 stock markets crash, the economic news hasn't been all bad, Christensen said.

"We are not bringing a message of doom and gloom, far from it," he said. "We believe that by concentrating on those economies in the world that are strong, investors will benefit from the long term gains that will be made".

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France and Kuwait to sign investment accord

KUWAIT, Nov 18, (KUNA): French Finance Minister Pierre Bergé today said that France and Kuwait would shortly sign two accords covering investments and financial matters.

In a Paris-dated interview with a local daily, Bergé, who is also State Minister for the Economy and Budget, said he would give attention to development of industrial, economic and financial relations with Kuwait and the other Gulf states.

Trade relations will also be expanded by organising a "French season" in the region, he added.

Capital

The French official noted that though Kuwaiti capital invested in his country has doubled between 1985 and 1987, it remains little compared to total Kuwaiti savings and investment opportunities in France.

He supported more French investment in existing Gulf industrial projects and investment of Kuwaiti and French capital in France.

Concerning Kuwaiti investments in European heavy industries, Bergé noted that the accord concluded between the European Economic Community and the Gulf Co-operation Council countries covers two spheres which are connected directly or indirectly to industrial co-operation.

KHC to take over management of Kuwait Hilton

KUWAIT, Nov 18, (Reuter): Kuwait Hotels Company will take over management of the Kuwait Hilton from the US hotel chain on Jan 1 and rename it the Kuwait International, chairman of the board Ali Ahmed Al Ghazim announced yesterday.

The 415-room hotel has been managed by Hilton since it opened in 1969 as one of the first luxury hotels in the country. Kuwait Hotels Company is owned by the state Kuwait Investment Authority.

dated to prepare for a full OPEC conference next Monday.

OPEC sources said three non-Middle East ministers, of Nigeria, Indonesia and Venezuela, were today asked to talk separately with the Iranian and Iraqi ministers to mediate in the dispute which has split the 13-nation organisation and raised the spectre of an oil market crash to rival that of 1986.

Pressure

Delegates said Saudi Arabia, working with its Gulf ally Kuwait, was sure to exert pressure for a compromise.

The Iran-Iraq row must end before OPEC can start negotiating a new output sharing accord to stem the torrent of oil caused by a collapse of discipline among small and large producers alike.

Iraq insists that an output agreement for 1989 allow it to pump as much oil as Iran, historically a bigger producer. Iran rejects this demand for parity in their allowed quotas.

Hoped

OPEC Secretary-General Bruno Broto of Indonesia held out little hope today of an early breakthrough, telling reporters: "We are working very hard... we have to be realistic."

Asked how the gap could be bridged, Subroto sighed and, after a long pause, said: "By talking to them."

The present Vienna talks group eight oil ministers of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries pricing and strategy committee, man-

an overall output quota including Iraq was 50.50," said Tsutomu Toichi, chief economist at Japan's Institute of Energy Economics.

Saudi Arabia is a powerbroker in OPEC because it has huge oil reserves and the ability to flood markets to teach renegade producers a lesson.

It has already flexed its muscles in past weeks, pumping an estimated 6.35 million barrels a day during the first half of November, about two million more than its ceiling under OPEC's now discredited production accord forged in late 1986.

Oil traders estimate total OPEC output could now be averaging as much as 23 million barrels per day, six per cent above October and about 20 per cent above estimates of demand.

Nigeria, whose Oil Minister Rilwanu Lukman is OPEC president, has also mounted a diplomatic offensive to try to narrow the gap between Iran and Iraq.

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shuttle to the two capitals earlier this week and yesterday rated chances of success at the Vienna talks as no better than 50-50.

Market pessimism has already worked through to prices, but traders are wary of writing off OPEC, only too aware that the organisation has repeatedly pulled back from the brink in the past.

Dubai crude for delivery in January continued to slide in Europe today, shedding 10 cents to \$9.90 per barrel after falling overnight in Tokyo and Singapore.

But the most widely-traded non-OPEC crude, North Sea Brent, steadied around \$12 after recovering from early falls on a feeling yesterday's slide in New York may have been overdone.

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SPORTS

Everton could do rivals a favour

LONDON, Nov 18, (Reuter): Everton could do arch-rivals Liverpool and championship favourites Arsenal a big favour by beating English League leaders Norwich tomorrow.

The Norwich hubbub has refused stubbornly to burst and with nearly a third of the season over they stand four points clear of second-placed Arsenal and eight ahead of the champions in fifth spot.

Norwich have won all their five away League games, but in their day Everton are more than capable of ending that run.

Liverpool, away to Queen's Park Rangers, continue to chase their best form but history shows it would be foolish to write off their title chances.

Absence

QPR welcome back goalkeeper David Seaman, who made his debut for England in the 1-1 draw in Saudi Arabia on Wednesday, and defender Mark Dennis after a six-week absence with a dislocated shoulder.

Manager Jim Smith offered an interesting observation on playing the Merseysiders. "We all look forward to playing Liverpool because the pressure is not so great, as they are always expected to win," he said.

Arsenal have developed a championship look over the last few weeks. They demolished Nottingham Forest and then beat Newcastle without playing at their best.

Newly promoted Middlesbrough offer the opposition at Highbury, but they have a poor away record and Arsenal, blessed with seven internationals, should extend their unbeaten run to 12 matches.

Three new faces are in competition for places in Manchester United's team to face third-placed Southampton at Old Trafford as United battle against a first loss.

Manager Alex Ferguson has been forced to shuffle his options and new signing Ralph Milne from Third Division Bristol City is in the 14-strong squad.

He joined United a week ago and has had only one reserve team match. Ferguson intended to ease him into action without a couple more reserve outings but the departure of Jesper Olsen to Bordeaux leaves him short of forward cover.

Twenty-year-old Tony Gill and 19-year-old David Wilson are also in the squad.

Millwall, high-flying newcomers to the English First Division, will have valuable inside information when they face Newcastle at home tomorrow.

A week ago Millwall, fourth in the League, paid Newcastle \$540,000 for Paul Stephenson and the 20-year-old winger intends to make the most of the knowledge gained from 64 games with his former club.

Inside

Stephenson, who marked his first game for Millwall by scoring in their 1-1 draw at Liverpool last Saturday, said: "I shall tell Millwall all about Newcastle. I know the Newcastle people will respect that I have to do that. The inside information will certainly be useful."

Meanwhile, the long haul to the FA Cup final at Wembley in May starts tomorrow with teams from Minor Leagues tackling Third and Fourth Division opposition in the first round of the competition.

Little known sides like Waterlooville, Guisborough and Frickley will have their dreams.

Gomes spares Portugal's blushes**Spain outclass Ireland in Cup qualifier**

SEVILLE, Spain, Nov 18, (Reuter): Spain opened their World Cup campaign with a morale-boosting and decisive 2-0 win over Ireland in a European Group Six qualifying match in Seville on Wednesday night.

Manolo Sanchez and Emilio Butragueno scored the second half goals which improved Spain's dismal 1988 record of one solo win, four draws and six defeats before Wednesday's encounter.

The victory against a team beaten only once in 15 previous matches provided a cheering start for Luis Suarez, who took over from Miguel Muniz as national team manager last August and had said before the match that Ireland were the toughest side in the group.

Ireland manager Jack Charlton had been forced by a string of injuries — David Kelly, Ronnie Whelan, Chris Hughton, Kevin Sheedy and Paul McGrath — to revamp his side. But it hardly shone in the first half, with the visitors rock-solid in defence and Spain grappling to get near goal.

Quique Flores had a good chance in the 35th minute, firing

HIRWANI RUNS THROUGH KIWIS BATTING**India brush aside New Zealand**

BANGALORE, India, Nov 18, (Reuter): Indian spinner Narendra Hirwani cut a swathe through an illness-hit New Zealand side yesterday to lead the touring team crashed to a 172-run defeat in the first cricket Test.

Hirwani took six wickets as New Zealand, with 13 of their 15-man squad suffering from viral fever, were dismissed for 164 shortly after lunch.

The umpire was again Reporter, who took 16 wickets in his Test debut in Madras against West Indies in January, has now taken 24 wickets in two Tests at an average of just 10.75.

Helped

Hirwani dismissed five of the first six New Zealand batsmen as well as wicketkeeper Ian Smith, although he was helped by twin dubious lbw decisions in his favour by umpire Piloo Reporter.

Having deceived Trevor Franklin (16) with his flipper, which uprooted the middle stump, Hirwani was lucky to have an lbw appeal against John Wright upheld.

The New Zealand captain appeared to have been hit outside the line off-stump while clearly offering a shot.

Wright, who was out for 53 including seven fours and a six, is now only 25 short of Bevan Condon's New Zealand Test record.

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"We will certainly miss him," Intikhab said, dismissing suggestions the slow bowler had backed out because Pakistan cricket authorities had declined his demand for an extra playing fee.

Senior selector Intikhab Alam told reporters Qadir, who has played in 57 Tests, had decided not to undertake the two-leg tour starting next month for family reasons.

Intikhab said Mushtaq had a good deal of potential and did well during the World Youth Cup one-day series in Australia earlier this year.

Among the unfamiliar names in the party, Wasim Haider is a medium-pace bowler and useful



Hirwani (centre): took six wickets

was very pleased the players pulled themselves up and got stuck in on the fourth day.

"Hirwani and Ayub bowled

very well, although it was not a particularly well-prepared wicket for a five-day game," he said.

"But we have been beaten by a team that performed better than ourselves over five days. India are a very effective side in their own country."

"Our hatting has got to improve and our bowlers must try to pick up more wickets to aid Richard Hadlee."

Scoreboard

INDIA first innings 384 for nine declared (N. Sidiq 116, D. Venkataratnam 75, R. Shastri 54, R. Hadlee 50).

NEW ZEALAND first innings 189 (A. Wright four for 51).

INDIA second innings 141 for one declared (K. Solanki 58).

NEW ZEALAND second innings (overnight 73 for no wicket)

T. Franklin b Hirwani 16

J. Wright bw b Hirwani 58

A. Jones bw b Hirwani 17

M. Greatbatch c Kapil Dev Ayub 0

E. Gray c Srikanth b Hirwani 2

K. Rutherford bw b Hirwani 0

C. Kuggeleijn c More b Ayub 0

R. Hadlee not out 13

I. Smith bw b Hirwani 25

J. Bracewell c Arun Lal b Ayub 11

E. Chatfield c Venkataratnam b Ayub 0

Extras (1-10 nb-2) 12

Total 164

Fall of wickets: 1-77 2-92 3-107

4-113 5-113 6-113 7-113 8-143 9-164

Bowling: Kapil Dev 4-0-16-4, Ayub

35-4-12-5-4, Hirwani 30-10-59-6,

Srikkanth 7-1-21-0, Shastri 2-4-5-0.

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Wright also paid tribute to the Indian spinners.

"Hirwani and Ayub bowled

West Indies' pace attack scuttles Australians

BRISBANE, Australia, Nov 18, (Reuter): West Indies' pace attack destroyed Australia today, dismissing the home side for a paltry 167 on the opening day of the first Test.

At close of play West Indian openers Gordon Greenidge and Desmond Haynes had put on 39, comfortably weathering a wayward assault by pacemen Craig McDermott and Chris Matthews.

Earlier Courtney Walsh and Malcolm Marshall tore the heart out of the Australian innings either side of lunch.

The lanky Ambrose, extracting tremendous lift from the perfect batting pitch, finished with three for 30 while Marshall, who needed time to find his line and length, raised his Test tally to 29 wickets by taking two for 39.

Walsh (four for 62) bowled for much of the afternoon because strike bowler Patrick Patterson had to leave the pitch in only his fourth over with an injured knee.

Catches

The bowlers were helped by spectacular fielding at short leg by Guss Logie who claimed three catches including that of McDermott with one-handed dive to his left.

West Indies captain Viv Richards closed the Australian innings by running 30 metres from first slip to catch a skier from Tony Dodemaide, his 100th catch in his 100th Test.

Patterson's early departure and a simple dropped catch in the slips might have persuaded Australian captain Allan Border he was being rewarded for his brave decision to bat after winning the toss.

But this illusion was shattered into a groove, dismissing openers David Boon and Geoff Marsh before lunch.

From 64 for two at lunch Australia dissolved to 86 for five, Ambrose starting the slide by dismissing the unhappy Graeme Wood for six with his first ball of the second session.

The Leeward islander, who was no-balled seven times, worried captain Allan Border but captured the home captain's prized wicket for four in controversial circumstances.

Left-handed Border played at a chest high ball down the leg side



Ambrose

and was given out caught behind by Jeff Dujinn. Television replays seemed to confirm Border's protestations that the ball had flicked his shirt not his glove.

Marshall, moving the ball both ways in the air and off the pitch, soon proved too much for Steve Waugh. The all-rounder, having received two nutswingers, thought another one was coming and lifted his bat in the air.

Unfortunately for Waugh he moved the other way and he was plumb lbw, dismissed in identical fashion to Boon who before lunch did not offer a stroke to a Marshall delivery.

Australia's slump continued when Mike Veletta, top scorer with 37, dragged a ball from off spinner Carl Hooper onto his stumps while attempting a sweep.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA first innings

G. Marshall c Logie b Ambrose 27

D. Boon bw b Marshall 18

M. Veletta b Ambrose 37

G. Wood c Greenidge b Ambrose 6

A. Border c Dujon b Ambrose 4

S. Waugh bw b Marshall 4

L. Healy c Logie b Walsh 2

T. Todoradski c Richardson b Walsh 22

C. Matthews c Dujon b Walsh 1

T. Mayes not out 4

Extras (1-1 lb-1 w-1 nb-4) 23

Total 167

Fall of wickets: 1-77 2-92 3-107

4-113 5-113 6-113 7-113 8-143 9-164

Bowling: Marshall 13-3-39-2 (1w)

Subs: Patterson 3-1-1-5-0, Ambrose

16-5-39-3 (7w), Walsh 18-3-3-62-4

(4w), Hooper 12-2-24-1, Richards 1-0-1-0

WEST INDIES first innings

G. Greenidge not out 24

D. Haynes not out 5

Extras (1-4 lb-1 w-1 nb-4) 10

Total (for no wicket) 39

To bat: R. Richardson, C. Matthews, G. Logie, J. Dujon, M. Marshall, C. Ambrose, C. Walsh, P. Patterson.

Bowling: to date: McDermott 4-8-

19-0 (3w), Matthews 6-3-6-0 (1w),

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Nomads aim for success in Dubai

KUWAIT Nomads, the homeless rugby side which features many of the Gulf's outstanding rugby players, are gearing up for their annual challenge at this year's Dubai Exiles Rugby Sevens Tournament, the biggest rugby event of its kind in the Middle East.

More than 20 players will make the trip to Dubai for the two day rugby festival, sponsored by Emirates, the international airline of the UAE, in association with MMI, which this year takes place on November 24 and 25.

The men carrying the rugby hopes of Kuwait will divide into three teams and are determined to erase the memory of last year's tournament which saw them lose out in the Gulf knockout final 12-6 to the hosts, Dubai Exiles.

Led by captain Steve Hill, the Nomads squad will feature an exciting blend of well-known Gulf players including Mike Robinson, Tony Soli and Dave Bullens. One man eager to return to the fray is Richard Ellis. In last year's final the powerful Kuwait star had to be carried off the field with damaged knee ligaments. Now fully recovered, Ellis will be one of the Nomads to watch in Dubai.

Looking
"We have made an impressive start to the season winning the Bahrain 15-a-side competition and recording solid victories over Qatar and Dubai Exiles," said Hill. "We are very much looking forward to the Dubai event as we felt we were very unlucky to lose out in last year's final following two tough days of competitive rugby."

The Kuwait Nomads certainly live up to their name. At present the club has no pitch to practise on. "We have to train on a piece of road under the glare of motorway lights," said Bell. "so we are naturally desperate to find a settled home for the club."

Despite their problems the Nomads will be one of the favourites in the Gulf knockout competition. And if they win it they will become the first Kuwait rugby side to reach the prestigious Hoog Kong Sevens tournament.

This year a total of 48 teams are expected to take part in two days of top-class rugby with twelve of the world's best rugby union sides set to battle it out for the new Emirates International Trophy, which is guaranteed to produce some thrilling rugby action featuring a selection of well-known international stars.

Spinks convicted of drunken driving

WILMINGTON, Delaware, Nov 18. (AP): Former heavyweight boxing champion Michael Spinks lost the decision on a 1987 drunk driving charge, but with sportsmanlike composure, thanked young fans in the courtroom.

"Thanks for hanging in there with me, sport," he said yesterday to the children. "Lots of luck."

A New Castle county superior court jury yesterday deliberated five hours before convicting Spinks. He was fined \$200, his license was revoked for one year, and he was ordered to enter a first offender's programme for drunk drivers.

Spinks' license may be reinstated in six months if he successfully completes the first offender's programme.

Tyson-Bruno fight may be postponed

NEW YORK, Nov 18. (Reuter): A January date for the on-again, off-again title clash between Mike Tyson and challenger Frank Bruno can still be made if a quick settlement of a managerial dispute is reached, a spokesman for promoter Don King said yesterday.

But if a settlement is not reached soon, the January 14 fight date would have to be postponed until March at the earliest, Al Braverman, director of boxing for Don King Productions said.

The Tyson-Bruno bout has already been postponed five times and the venue switched from London to the United States.

Meeting

Last month King and Tyson agreed to an exclusive four-year promotional agreement without manager Cayton's consent. Cayton has threatened to file a formal complaint with the New York State Athletic Commission and a lawsuit against King for

infringing on his contract with Tyson.

Lawyers for both sides are working on a compromise.

"The lawyers have been meeting all day today and will probably meet again tomorrow," Braverman said.

"If they can reach an agreement within a week, the fight can still take place in January."

Cayton has an interest in keeping the January date, since he has tentatively arranged a hectic

schedule for Tyson that would include defences against Brazilian Adilson Rodrigues in February, American Carl "The Truth" Williams in March and Italian Francesco Damiani in early summer.

Tyson kept himself busy yesterday as he spent the day with King visiting four community centres around New York City to give out more than 1,500 turkeys for the underprivileged in advance of next week's Thanksgiving holiday.

EDINBURGH, Nov 18. (Reuter): Australia, badly needing a win over Scotland to restore their credibility, have returned to rugby union basics for tomorrow's clash at Murrayfield.

Coach Bob Dwyer, deeply dissatisfied after losing 28-19 to England a fortnight ago, has made five changes to his side in an endeavour to strengthen both the tight play and the defence.

"They were a far better side than when they were losing all around the England leg of their tour," McGeechan, a former Lions centre, said. "They have finally identified their problems."

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McEnroe, ranked No. 14 worldwide, was to play compatriot Jim Courier today. Courier reached the quarterfinals after beating fellow American Marc Flur 7-6 (7-5), 6-2 earlier yesterday.

Also yesterday, Pete Sampras upset top-seeded Tim Mayotte 6-3, 6-4. Both are from the United States.

Sampras, at 17 the youngest player in the tournament, combined a deadly forehand and blis-

ter being stuck in the mud for a time. "I was determined to finish. After regrouping I went out eighth and then drove a little harder to get seventh place. Hassan Jaber is definitely the best co-driver I have had."

The rally was one of the best for some time, following the general trend upwards in the quality of events here. Richard Bondi was the Clerk of the Course, and shepherded many helpers who put a great deal of time and effort into making sure the event ran smoothly. A special thanks should go to all the marshals, who perform an often thankless, but vital job.

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- Eid Falah/Ashkanani, Range Rover, 1.14.32
- Hela/Shakir Muhamar, Toyota Corolla, 1.15.21
- Ali Al Birami/Mohd Zaid, Daihatsu Charade, 1.22.26
- Ahmed Al Mulla/Ibrahim Mousa, Nissan 240RS, 1.24.29
- Nasser Mousalem/Mofeed Ali, Datsun Silvia, 1.27.01
- Tareq Al Alyan/Khalil Ali, Daihatsu Rocky, 1.28.49
- Ibrahim Al Moawad/Fawzi Khadair, Datsun 160J, 1.30.37
- Younis Ali/Hassan Jaber, Lada 1600, 1.36.22
- Saad Al Shaziri/Ahmed Al Edresi, Datsun 160J, 1.41.51
- Adel Al Ghani/Andre Sourjian, Suzuki Swift GTi, 1.54.02

SPORTS BRIEFS

1992 Games

LONDON, Nov 18. (Reuter): The newly declared independent state of Palestine is to compete in the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, the Times of London reported yesterday.

Linford Christie

LONDON, Nov 18. (UPI): Linford Christie, who earned two silver medals at the Seoul Olympics, was yesterday named Britain's track and field athlete of the year by the Amateur Athletic Association.

Steroid use

NEW YORK, Nov 18. (UPI): At least half the 9,000 athletes who competed at the Seoul Olympics used steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs, the New York Times reported yesterday.

Barras suspended

ROME, Nov 18. (Reuter): Italy's Olympic authority said yesterday that executive committee member Luciano Barras had been suspended pending a judicial investigation into an alleged athletics contract scandal.

Reid triumphs

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates, Nov 18. (AP): Dale Reid of Britain came from behind to win the Toyota Cressida ladies professional golf tournament here yesterday with a final-round 70 giving her a four-under-par total of 144.

RAC Rally

HARROGATE, England, Nov 18. (Reuter): Defending champion Juha Kankkunen of Sweden is one of seven former world champions who will compete at the British RAC Rally starting here on Sunday.

Jose Canseco

NEW YORK, Nov 18. (Reuter): Slugging outfielder Jose Canseco of the Oakland Athletics was the unanimous choice as American League Most Valuable Player in results announced on Wednesday.

Jesper Olsen

BORDEAUX, France, Nov 18. (Reuter): Danish winger Jesper Olsen of Maastricht United signed for French First Division team Bordeaux on Wednesday, club officials said.

British soccer

LONDON, Nov 18. (Reuter): Results of British soccer matches played on Wednesday: Scottish Premier Division: Aberdeen 1, Dundee 0; Raigets 3, Hamilton 1.

World champion

STOCKHOLM, Nov 18. (Reuter): Sweden's world high jump champion Patrik Stoeberg said today a back injury would stop him training for up to six weeks and jeopardise his indoor season.

Phoenix golf

TOKYO, Nov 18. (Reuter): American Fred Couples defied capricious winds to card a one-under-par 71 and increase his lead to five strokes after the second round of the 150 million yen (\$1.22 million) Phoenix golf tournament today.

Golf Test

POR DOUGLAS, Australia, Nov 18. (Reuter): A revitalised Greg Norman restricted Britain to a 3-1/2 to 2-1/2 points lead over Australia on the opening day of their inaugural golf Test today.

Kapalua golf

KAPALUA, Hawaii, Nov 18. (Reuter): Bob Gilder birdied his final four holes to beat fellow American John Mahaffey at 15-under-par 129 yesterday after two rounds of the \$600,000 Kapalua International golf tournament.

IOC chief

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Nov 18. (AP): President of the International Olympic Committee Juan Antonio Samaranch says that as long as he's in office he will "not permit" the elimination of boxing as an Olympic sport.

NBA games

NEW YORK, Nov 18. (AP): Results of National Basketball Association (NBA) games played yesterday:

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| Seattle | 101 | LA Lakers | 98 |
| Utah | 123 | Portland | 99 |
| New Jersey | 101 | Milwaukee | 96 |
| Houston | 113 | Miami | 107 |
| Dallas | 105 | Charlotte | 93 |
| Denver | 139 | San Antonio | 112 |

RESULTS OF Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Wednesday:

N/S

1. Shah & Zahoor

2. Sharmin & Hasnali

3. Dr Zaid & Qatini

E/W

1. B. Pereira & Ravi

2. Capt. Salman & Simon

3. Jassi & Abdin

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HELAL FINISHES IN SECOND PLACE

Eid Falah wins Kuwait local rally

By Gail Seery



Eid Falah (right) and Ashkanani after victory.

driven by Ahmed Al Helal, Tareq Al Alyan and Ahmed Al Zafiri must have the best finishing record in Kuwait! Birami and navigator Mohammed Zaid hopped a finish time of 1:22:26.

Novice driver Ahmed Al Mulla took a commendable fourth place in his new Nissan 240 RS which formerly belonged to Josef Miskulin, provoking again, how important a strong and reliable car is. At times this driver shows great promise, and as seventeenth seed, he did well to climb through the ranks to fourth place. Nasser Musallam also did well to take fifth place. Although he has participated as a co-driver, this is his first outing as a driver, and his Datsun Silvia

was going well.

The first major disappointment of the rally came for Tareq Al Wazzan. He had learned during the week that there were numerous problems with his Marlboro Toyota Celica rally car, and the Toyota garage had worked wonders for him where others might have shrugged their shoulders. On Thursday they were working on a broken gearbox, which they repaired in time for Wazzan and co-driver Khalid Khalifa to start the rally. They encountered camels and cars on the first stage, but still took a respectable second fastest time to Eid Falah, with a gap of only nine seconds.

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However in the second stage the drive shaft broke completely, leaving Wazzan, Khalifa and team manager Toni Samia to continue as spectators, and the car to be ignominiously hauled back to Shuwaikh. "There were a thousand problems for me in this rally," said a disappointed Wazzan after the race.

The drop-out rate was very high. More than ten of the drivers who set out broke before the regrouping halt, after stage 6: only eleven drivers set out for the final stages, and only ten completed the rally.

Hossam Al Sayafe had chaotic his car from a Suzuki to a

Range Rover for this event. "On the first stage my wheel was racing with me, on the second stage the gear stick came away, and then on stage five the engine blew. We tried to continue, but there was no way." Nevertheless, he, and navigator Amjad Qtaini were setting respectable times throughout the stages they drove.

Novice driver Ali Mousawi was driving the Opel Ascona, which formerly belonged to Ahmed Al Zafiri, but with a standard engine — this stopped on stage one. Mohammed Jarar and Fadi Mansur "didn't go through the middle of the water — we hit a rock and couldn't get out."

Ali Mousawi had no problems



All Al Birami (left) with his co-driver Mohammed Zaid



Ahmed Al Mulla: finished fourth



Tareq Al Wazzan at the start.



George Warterley and Mohammed Ali: knee-deep in trouble

Photos by Raed Qutaini and Ahmed Barouni

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"He was very nervous," Sampras said of Mayotte, the world's eighth-ranked player. "I played him before and lost, but I've played a lot of big matches in advance of next week's Thanksgiving holiday."

Sampras displayed poise, especially after losing his serve to allow Mayotte to tie the second set at 4-4. But Mayotte in turn double-faulted twice to lose his serve, then lost the match when Sampras aced him for the final point.

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Asked whether this was his biggest victory as a professional, Sampras said: "By far, I was supposed to leave tomorrow."

Earlier yesterday, the No. 1-seeded doubles team of Ken Flach and Robert Seguso, both of the United States, rallied to defeat Grant Connell of Canada and Sammy Giannella of the United States 6-3